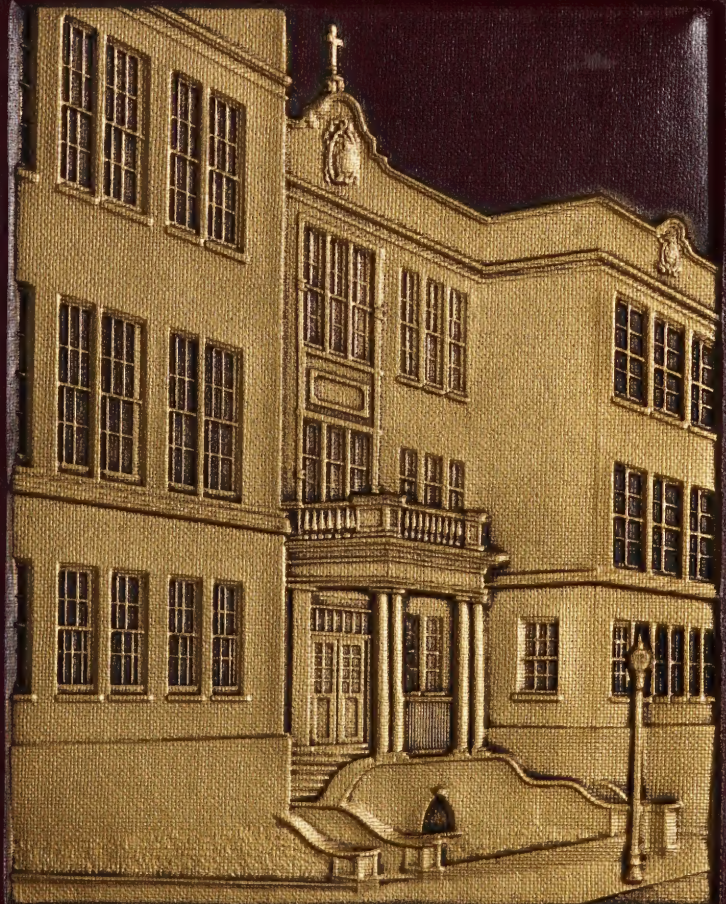


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Our Saint Bernard

Eight hundred years have passed since our great Saint Bernard trod this earth and so powerfully influenced all classes of people from the lowliest peasant to the mightiest emperor. But Bernard was such a powerful source of good, then as now, because of his own personal sanctity and reliance not upon himself but upon God, His Blessed Mother, and the saints.

In one of his letters to his sister, he exhorts her to follow the example of the saints, which advice is just as applicable to us of the 20th century as to Hombeline of the 12th. From their lives we learn never to despair of God's mercy which lifted them up, when they repented, of their falls into sin. They are our guides to heaven and we will not lose the way unless we deviate from the route which they have traced out for us. How they pleased God and with what obedience and firmness they walked in His ways!

As their actions influenced others to good, so we should also strive to live such lives that we may animate others to virtue. We should be as burning lamps giving out at the same time both light and heat, and thus follow the injunction of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who says to us: "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in heaven."—Matt. 5.16.

Saint Bernard, may we always be loyal Bernardians, putting into practice the principles of our Catholic faith which we have studied under your patronage! Help us to live closely united to our loving Jesus and His Immaculate Mother so that we may never be separated from them and you throughout all eternity!



Dedication

To you, Father Curran, we gladly dedicate our BERNARDIAN of this year. For us 1950 is a memorable year, but it is much more so for you, marking as it does your fiftieth anniversary in the holy priesthood of Christ, to which you have given of yourself so wholeheartedly throughout the years, and still continue to do so. May this dedication also attest our gratitude to you for all you have so generously done for us during our four happy years at St. Bernard's!

REVEREND
MICHAEL J. CURRAN, D.D.,
Pastor of St. Bernard's
and
Vicar Forane



In Appreciation

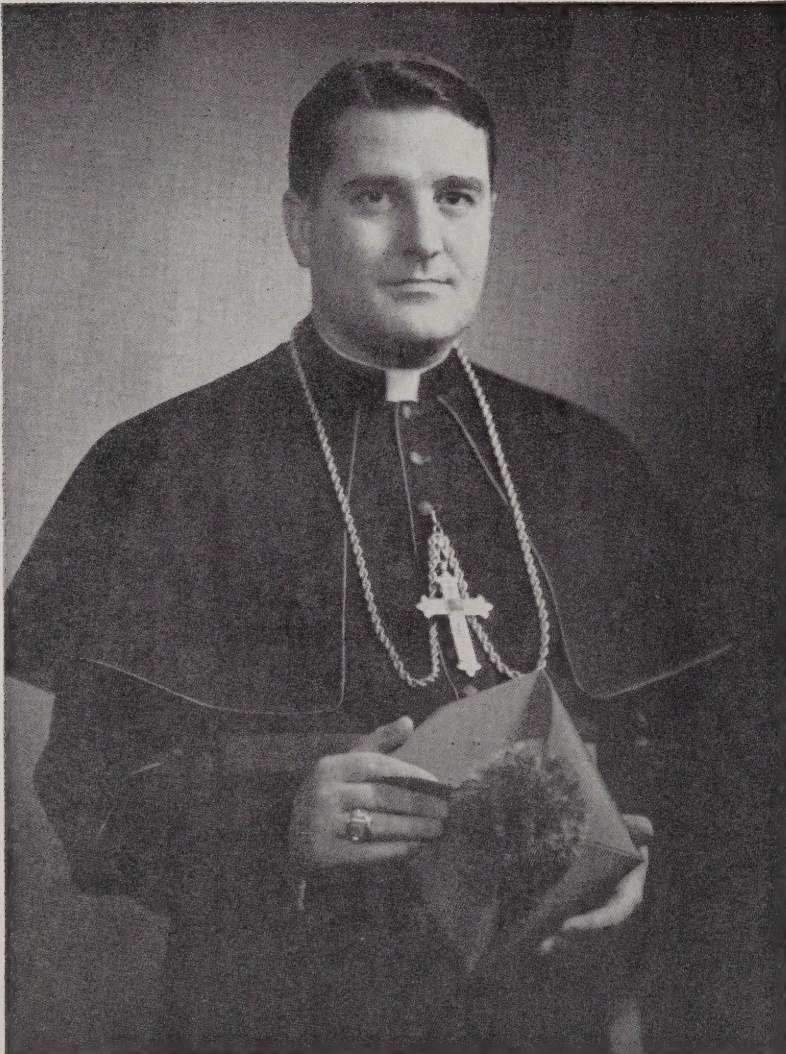
To you, Father O'Brien, our principal throughout our four years at SBHS, we are most grateful and sincerely thank you for your kindly interest in each and every one of us. Your priestly manner, fine sense of justice, and quiet efficiency in dealing with us in all our ups and downs, will not be forgotten by us when we depart from St. Bernard's. We are pleased that our Bishop has honored you by appointing you Director of Schools in our new diocese of Worcester.



REVEREND
JOHN J. O'BRIEN.
Principal

Our Bishop

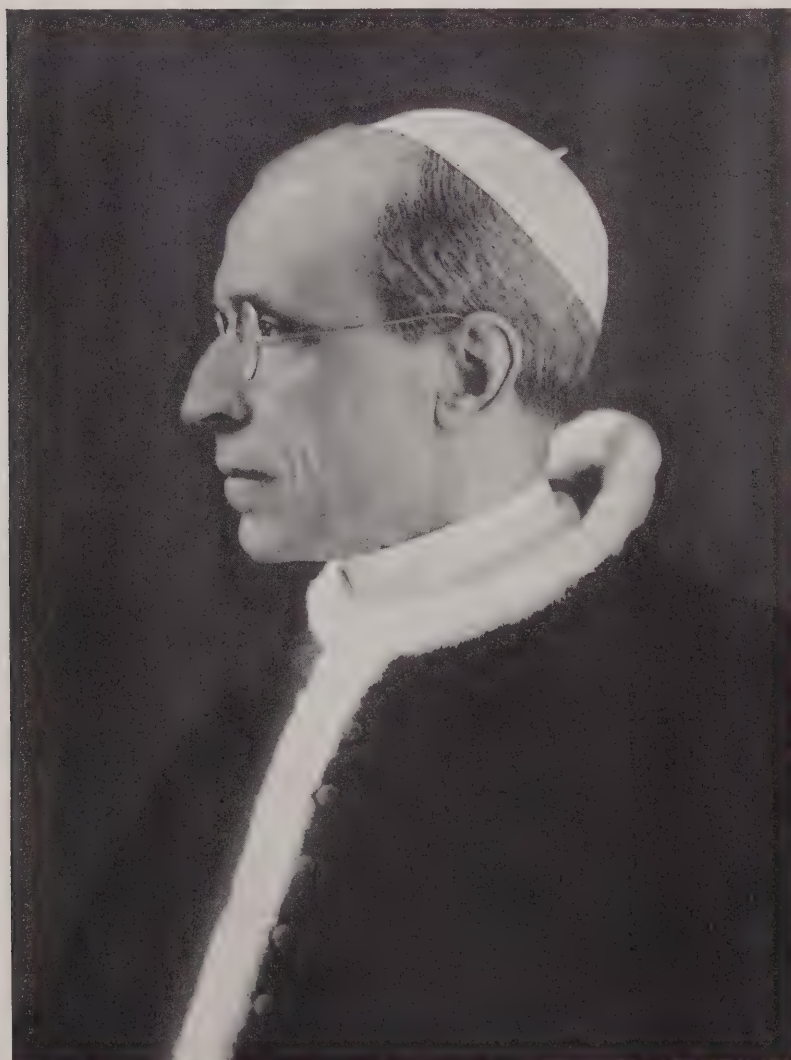
We, the Class of 1950 of St. Bernard's High School, are very happy to have the privilege of being the first class to welcome our new Bishop and to tell him how pleased we are that he has come to watch over us, the sheep of his flock, entrusted by our Heavenly Father to his loving care. May God bless our Bishop with long, fruitful years in His service!



MOST REVEREND
JOHN J. WRIGHT, D.D.,
Bishop of Worcester

Our Holy Father

1950, Jubilee Year, turns our thoughts to Rome and to our Holy Father. May God give to his frail body the strength necessary to carry on as he would like to do, and to be able to greet the thousands of pilgrims who journey to Rome to come close to him and to receive his blessing! May we strive to reform our lives by prayer and penance as he wishes us to do!



HIS HOLINESS,
POPE PIUS XII



*O Mary, our Mother, bless our Holy Father, our bishops, priests, religious
and all of us, your children, during this Holy Year of Jubilee.*

1950 - Holy Year Jubilee

"Let petition be made to God that all by prayer and penance may expiate their sins; strive to reform their lives, and acquire Christian virtue, so that this great Jubilee may happily prepare a general and universal return to Christ." Such are the stirring words of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, in his Papal Bull announcing the Holy Year of 1950.

Under the Old Law, every fiftieth year was to be celebrated as a jubilee year, a time of joy. In Leviticus xxv, 10, we read: "Thou shalt sanctify the fiftieth year." At this time families were reunited, Hebrew slaves were set free, and debts canceled. The basic idea of the jubilee proclaimed by Holy Church is quite similar to this in its spiritual nature.

The first Holy Year in the Church, of which there is any authentic record, took place in 1300, during the reign of Pope Boniface VIII. But it is certain that this idea of observing a fiftieth anniversary was familiar long before that time. Among the pilgrims in 1300 was an old man from Savoy, 108 years old, who related to the Pope that his father had brought him to Rome 100 years before to gain special indulgences. His father urged him to return to Rome again in 1300 if he should be spared that long. Other pilgrims gave similar testimony confirming this tradition.

According to Pope Boniface VIII, the Jubilee should be celebrated only once in a hundred years. But about the middle of the fourteenth century, St. Bridget of Sweden and many others appealed to Clement VI that the period between jubilees be shortened so that the average person might have at least one opportunity to gain these graces. In 1343 Clement consented to do this. Pope Paul II, granting the requests of many pilgrims, announced that a Holy Year of Jubilee would be celebrated every twenty-five years; and so it has been since 1475 to the present time with but three exceptions, due to political troubles.

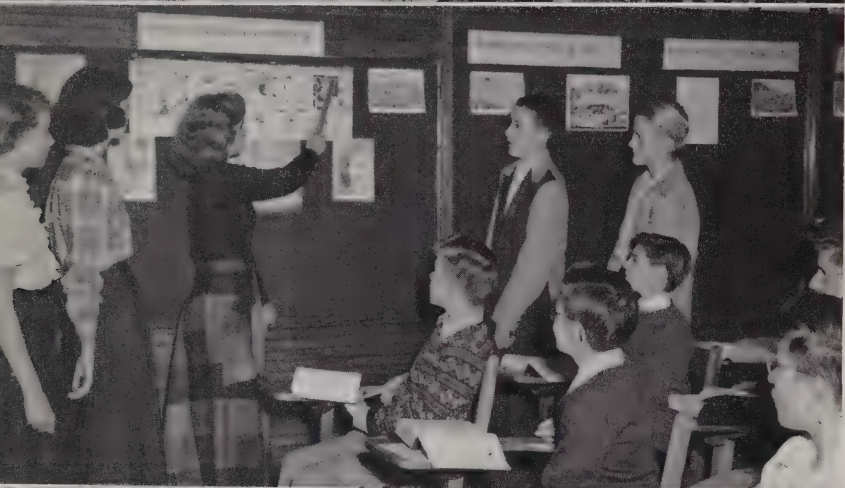
It was Pope Alexander VI who introduced the impressive ceremony of the Holy Door in each of the four great basilicas which the pilgrims are required to visit. This holy door is mentioned as early as 1437, but it may have had reference only to the right of sanctuary, which existed in pagan times for all who crossed the threshold of the "puerta tarpea" upon the site of the Lateran. It is thought that Constantine besought Pope Sylvester to give the same immunity from punishment for Christian sinners who took refuge there. But this privilege was abused so much that the door was walled up except at times of special grace.

On Christmas Eve of 1949, Pope Pius XII followed the established custom of previous pontiffs by opening the Holy Door, a walled entrance to St. Peter's Basilica. This our Holy Father did by knocking upon the door three times with a golden hammer, singing the versicle, "Open unto me the gates of justice." The masonry, which had been loosened before, fell at the third blow, and our Holy Father entered St. Peter's. At the end of this Holy Year, Pope Pius XII will again officiate at the closing of this Holy Door.



Freshmen

Now that we are seniors, we look down from our lofty heights in the main building to the "coops" below and reminisce on the days when we first came to SBHS and wandered like 280 bewildered chicks from coop to coop.



History marches on . . . from primitive man to 1700 A. D. In Room 41, Arlene Richards tells the story of the centuries on the chronological chart, in picture form. Taking part in this active discussion are left to right: Mary Jane Lilly, Mary McNally, Arlene Richards, John O'Connor, and Edward Kukula.



Science appeals to our present freshmen as it did to us, especially experiments and the use of such instruments as the microscope, which (left to right) Gerard Basque, John Pinder, William Harbour, Rene Bertrand, James Grimley, Richard Whittemore, Matthew Bryce, and John O'Neil are using in Room 42.



PRETTY GIRL WANTED

Clifford Adams, *who is general manager* John Hannigan
 Ross McFarland, *who writes a play* Lawrence McNeill
 Ned Kirk, *who handles the advertising* Robert Coleman
Girls who apply for a job
 Juanita Forest Maureen Mohan
 Blossom Rose Nancy Ethier
 Kitty Page Mary McNally
 Pearl Watson Patricia Jenness

Sophomores

On September 30, panel discussions were held in sophomore English classes on the subject, "Mental and Physical Recreational Activities in Fitchburg and Leominster." This fifth period group with John Doyle, Estelle Morneau, Michael Crowley, Patrick Weith, and Ann Markham as speakers was judged the best group.

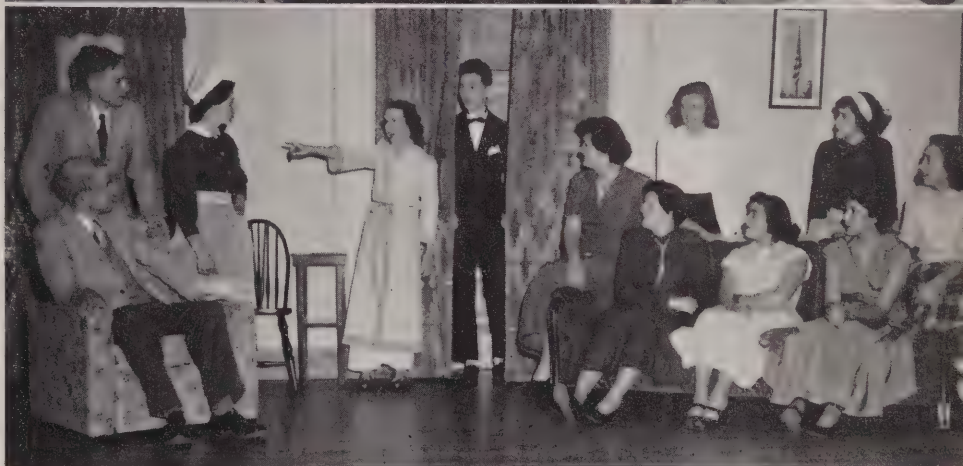
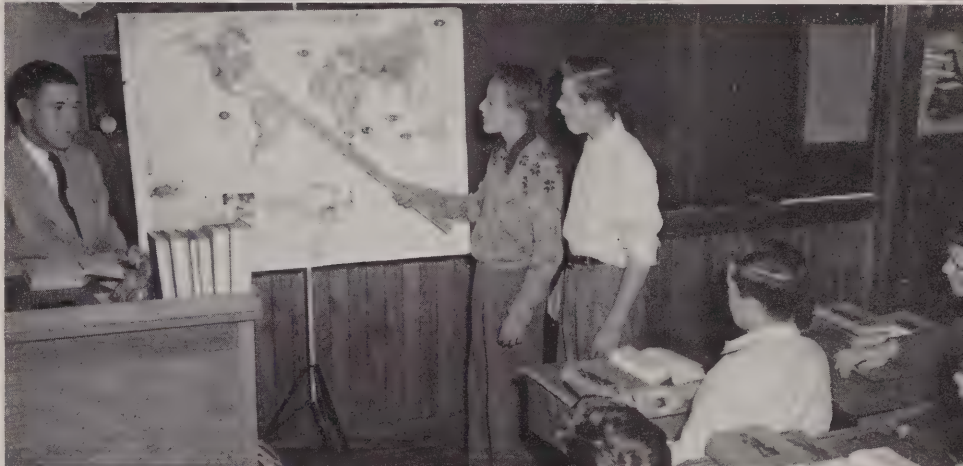
World History pupils keep posted on world affairs by subscribing to current events papers, and use of world maps. In Coach Ronayne's class, William Durkin checks on the correctness of Richard DeBarge's location.

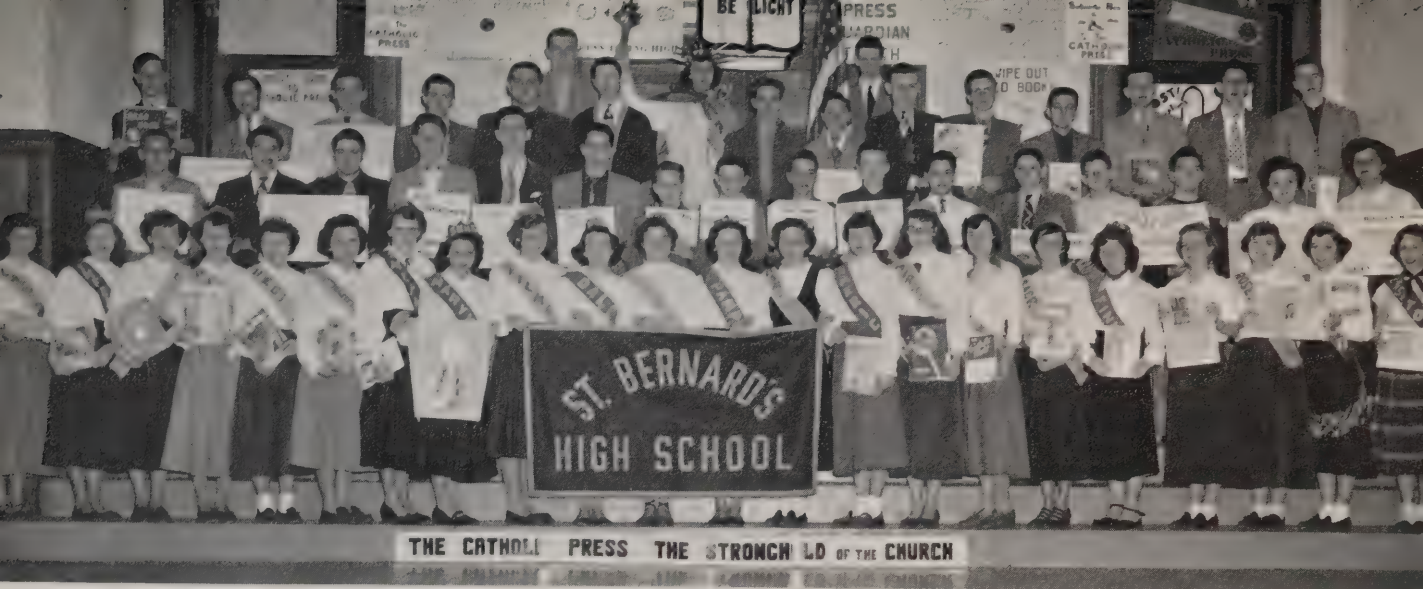
BORROWED TAILS

Seated: Bernard Hickey, Doris Gagne, Mary Keane, Sue Scachetti, Alice Finn, Jeannette Cormier.

Standing: Walter Paton, Elaine Sullivan, Catherine Hannigan, Edward Lavery, Jane Cannon, Ann Progin. In play, but not in picture, James Picone.

Yvette Dufour proudly displays the placard testifying to the loyalty of her home room in being 100% in supporting the football team by each purchasing a season ticket. It pays to have a rally.





Catholic Press

All during the month of February, Catholic Press Month, our energetic sophomores were working on a very worthwhile project. This was to make the Catholic Press, which our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII has called "His Voice," better known and read. The sophs did this by means of very original and colorful posters which were displayed in Room 34 and also throughout the building. Magazine racks also appeared containing Catholic magazines for which subscriptions were solicited.

But the climax was reached on February 21, when a play entitled, "Defense of the Catholic Press" was presented, and in which over sixty sophomores took part. We seniors were amazed at the poise and self-assurance of these little sophs who fearlessly faced their large audience and spoke clearly and forcefully without any apparent knocking of the knees as we ourselves have at times experienced under similar circumstances.

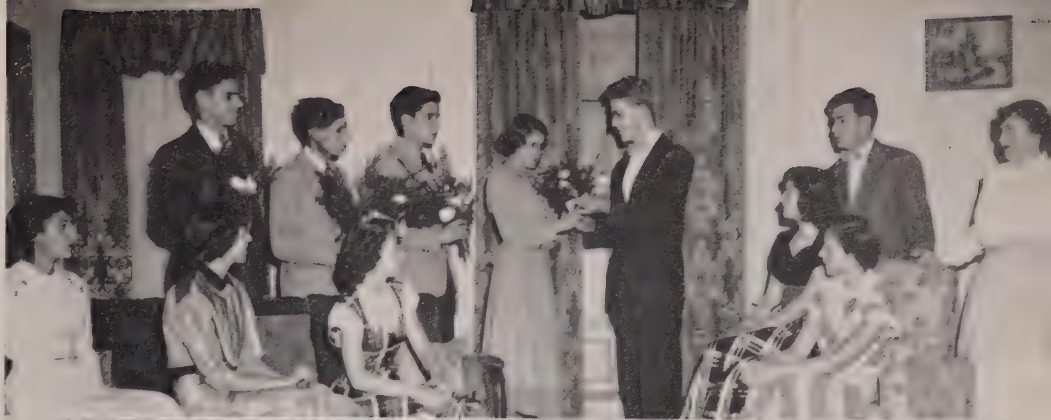


Juniors

TEN PER CENT TOMMY

Seated: Norma Lunetta, Rita Lafosse, Jean Thibodeau, Jean Payea, Clare Pare.

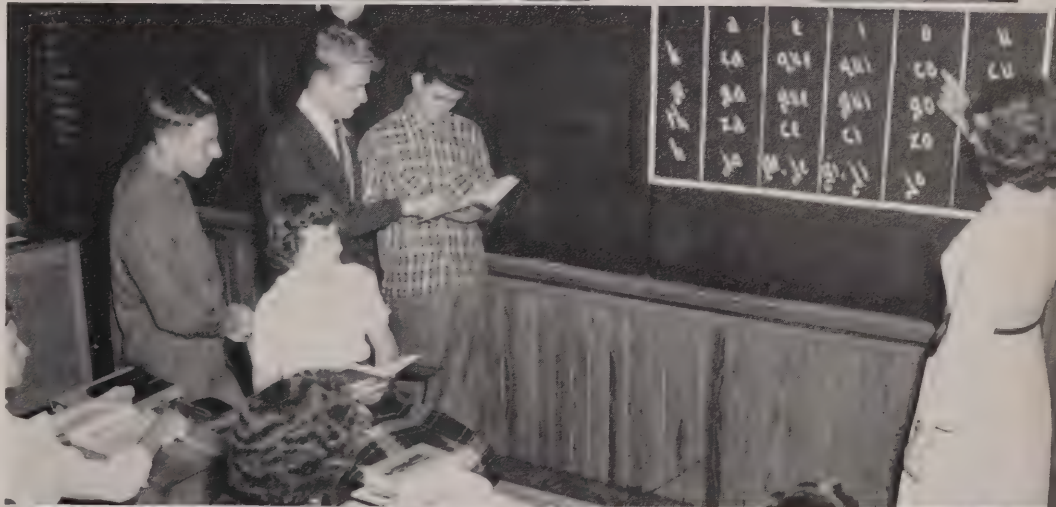
Standing: Anthony Romano, Anthony Anzalone, Martin Roddy, Margaret Provenzani, Richard Menard, Francis Leblanc, Jeannine Mayer.



In French II, Room 22, Wallace Gendron reads a Christmas Story from *La Croisade*, monthly French Publication.



Spanish II, Room 25, pupils review their sounds occasionally. Pauline Dignam tests on pronunciation of Joseph Raimon, Richard Menard, James Fitzgerald, and Doris Phelps.



Chemistry lab periods are looked forward to by junior chemists who like nothing better than to work with bunsen burners, test tubes, chemicals. etc. Left to right: Normand Cantin, Paul Prince, Maureen Beaudin, June MacAulay, Gloria Zarrella, William Marlowe, Madeline La-valley, Sylvia Vallee.





May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be your refuge in the hour of danger, your shelter in the storm, your foretaste of Heaven in this world.

—ST. FRANCIS DE SALES.



If you follow Mary, you will not swerve from the right path; if you pray to her, you will not fall into despair; if she holds you, you will not fall; if she protects you, you need not fear; if she leads you, you will never weary; and if she befriends you, you will be safe.

—ST. BERNARD.

Seniors of 1950

Classmates:

Each new graduating class has to face problems, and ours will be no exception. Perhaps these problems are to be even more perplexing than those of previous years, what with "H" bombs, the "cold war," etc.

But I feel that we have been well prepared in our years at St. Bernard's to face anything which may lie before us. And of this especially am I confident—if our future lives are patterned on our years in high school, we will be sure of overcoming any and all obstacles.

For here we learned the first and most important fundamentals—the purpose for which God made us and the means to attain this end. Here under the loving guidance of Mary, our Mother; St. Bernard, our patron; Father Curran, our pastor; Father O'Brien, our principal; and the Sisters of the Presentation, our teachers; and in the companionship of the finest young men and women to be found anywhere, we have obtained the means to change the face of this tired, old world.

We can, we must, and we will do this, strengthened by the grace of God, in Whom we can do all things.

Valete!

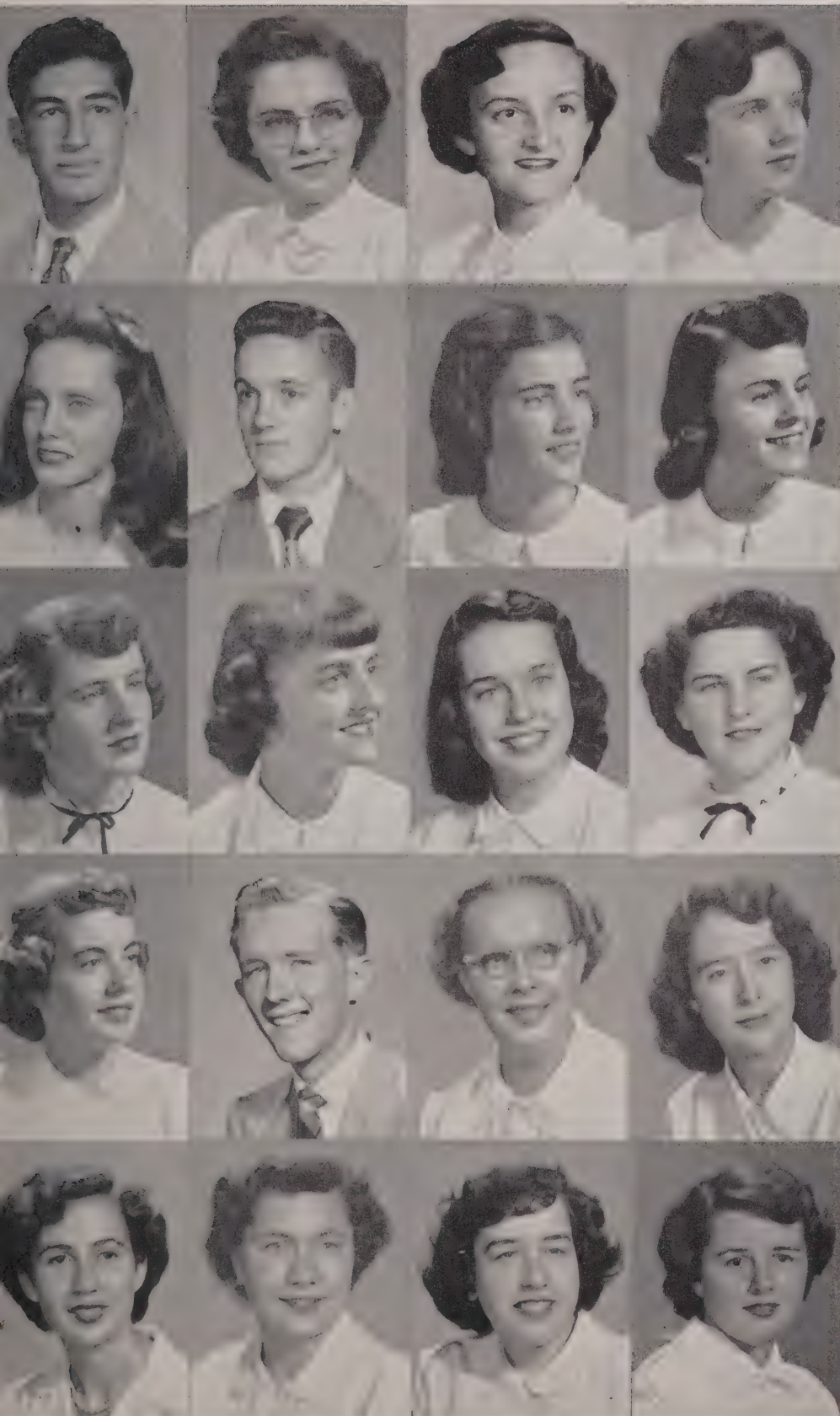
RALPH J. PUGLIANO



Phyllis Casella mounts main stairway with head high and eyes shining with graduation excitement.

John Parolin, Ann O'Sullivan, and George Vallee enter hall with true senior dignity.

Senior Honors



Valedictorian

RALPH PUGLIANO

Salutatorian

BARBARA SHANNON

ANTONIA SMITH

PATRICIA WOODCOME

SYLVIA THOMAS

ROGER RABOIN

ADRIA SMITH

PHYLLIS CARON

JOANNE RYAN

DOROTHY BASTARACHE

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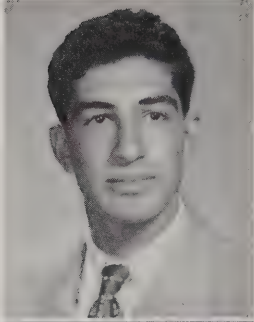
NANCY BOLDUC

LUCILLE LEBLANC

CLAIRE CARON

MARGARET MULLAHY

Senior Officers



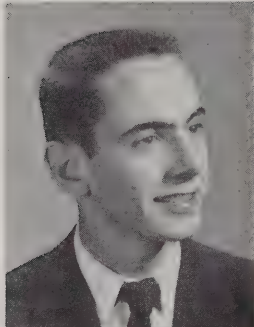
RALPH JAMES PUGLIANO

The high esteem we all have for Ralph was evidenced by the overwhelming vote we cast for him as our President. A truly ideal leader, Rapug has endeared himself to all by his friendliness and sportsmanship qualities. Ralph ranks high in scholarship, journalism, public speaking, dramatics, and athletics.



GLADYS MARY LEBLANC

With her bright, blue eyes, gracious manner, and engaging smile, Gladys so won our hearts that she was our choice for Vice-President. But this senior honor was foreseen by her popularity even back in freshman days when she was chosen as student councillor. Furthermore, Glad has always been a fine student.



WILLIAM JAMES HANLEY

Bill is our popular Class Treasurer. He is also one of the outstanding athletes of our Class of '50, especially at football and basketball, where he could always be depended upon to do his level best. He is also noted for his loyal defense of Tar Hill, and for his almost unbeatable record at a game of chess.

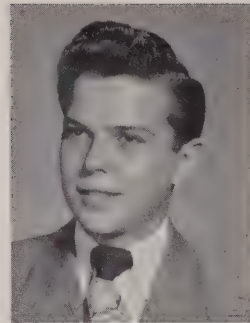


ANN MARIE DOYLE

Ann, our talented, well-beloved Class Secretary, is a general favorite with everyone. No matter what she is asked to do, Ann always graciously accedes and rises superior to any emergency. Ann has been prominent in many school activities, especially plays, radio broadcasting, year-book, and as a spirited rooter.

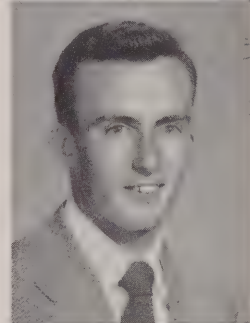
SALVATORE JOSEPH ALBERT

Musical Sammy has been in the foreground even back in portable days, when his sax harmoniously blended its tones with the rest of our orchestra. It is also to energetic Sam's credit that he did his best to lead our teams along the road to victory during his three years as manager of major sports.



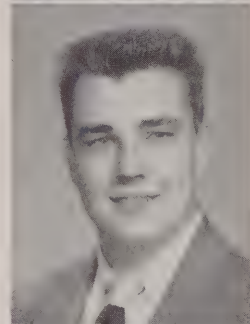
NORMAN WILLIAM BATES

Extremely well-liked Norm is one of our best all-round athletes. But it is on the basketball court that he shines most, having been on the varsity squad since sophomore year. Norm also distinguishes himself on the baseball diamond. The prospects also look bright for his becoming a future tennis champ.



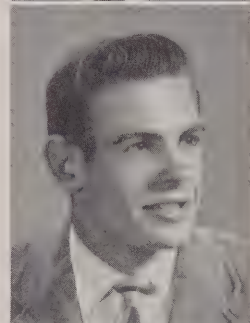
ADRIEN ARTHUR BEAUDETTE

There is nothing small about good-natured Zippy either in his size, generosity, or friendliness. Always a dispenser of good cheer, he even makes the kiddies happy with his toy shop. In his leisure moments, he finds enjoyment in playing ball, hunting, fishing, and making old cars quite peppy again.



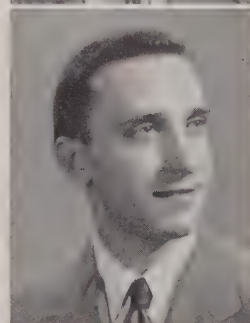
LEON SIMEON BEDARD

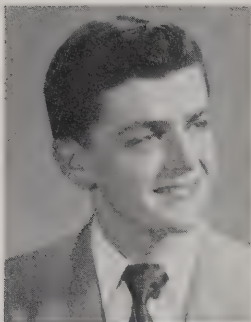
For two years Lee has been a conspicuous figure on the gridiron. That he also has dramatic ability was proven by our November play. Although never pushing himself forward, Leon is a familiar figure in groups enjoying themselves immensely. He is also a fine skier, swimmer, and electrical wizard.



FRANCIS NICHOLAS BELLAFIORI

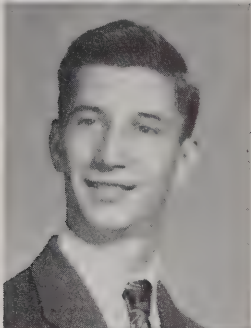
Gentlemanly Frank has no enemies for he never antagonizes anyone, but is always unselfishly considerate of others. Frank's perseverance and business ability accounted for his success on the yearbook advertising committee. We know that Frank will always be a loyal supporter of everything Bernardian.





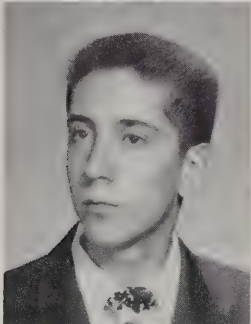
ALFRED ULYSES BELLIVEAU

The first look at Al is tremendously in his favor—for his whole general appearance attracts, especially the clean wholesomeness of his personality and neatness of attire. Those who know him best vouch for his powers as a comedian and the real humor of the never corny stories with which he regales his hearers.



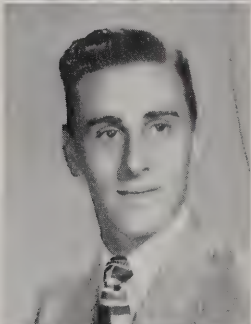
ALFRED JOSEPH BERGERON

Al has the happy faculty of always taking a bright outlook on life and seeing the good points in others, rather than their weaknesses. It is in math and science that Al is at the top, although he would prefer not to attract attention to himself. Track is the sport in which Al revels and excels.



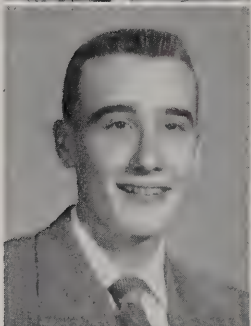
PAUL EDWARD BOUDREAU

Paul, hailing from Leominster, came to us sophomore year and soon became a favorite. His fun-loving nature is revealed from the mischievous glint in his eyes. Outside school he works off surplus energy in outdoor sports, especially swimming and skiing; and fooling around with radio and television sets.



RAYMOND HOWARD BRAY

Ray, strikingly tall and a neat dresser, is a welcome producer of healthy chuckles in his immediate vicinity. He has no idle moments, as he continually keeps occupied with many and varied interests, especially art, for which he has a special aptitude. Ray may yet be our proud boast as a second michelangelo.

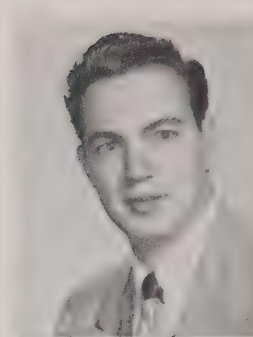


DAVID BERNARD BRENNAN

Dave delayed until sophomore year to make his debut at St. Bernard's but soon made up for this lost time, by the rapid speed with which he made new friends. Besides being a good student, Dave has been active in the French Club, BERNARDIAN staff, basketball team, and treasurer of the Dramatic Club.

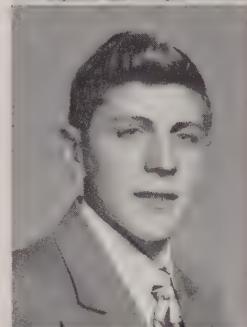
JOHN WALTER CAPUTI

This tall, manly Southsider is a sower of peace and harmony wherever he goes, and never gets himself into trouble as some of us do by our over talking. But John always has a cheerful note to add to our little friendly confabs. We all like John because he can take a joke on himself as well as give a good one.



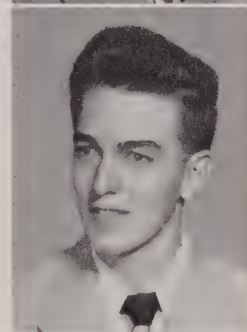
RENE PAUL CARON

You may be sure that where there's laughter, there's Rene. But he's never boisterous nor disturbing in his mirth, but in his own quiet way enjoys himself immensely, and mixes in well with all sets. There's nothing spasmodic about his even cheerful disposition, for he's always the same pleasant Rene.



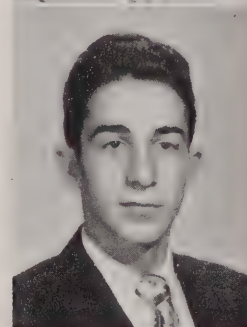
DONALD OLIVER CHARETTE

Don, another of our Leominster boys, although not with us as a freshman, soon made up for lost time, as the number of his SBHS friends testifies. His quiet, unassuming manner, willingness to plunge into things and do his bit are a few of the traits we like in Don. Photography and radio are his pet interests.



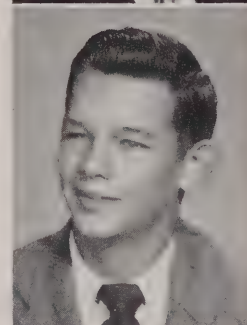
AIME GUY CHARPENTIER

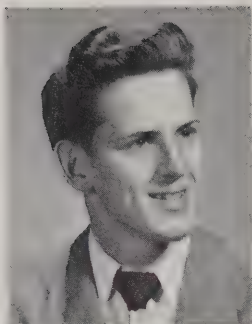
Just one look at happy-go-lucky Carp and you can tell by the flash of his wide-awake eyes that some fun-provoking scheme is being hatched in his alert mind. Generous almost to a fault, Carp never hesitates to use his jallopy as a school bus for his Leominster pals. Carp is a fine skier, skater, and hunter.



LEO PAUL COLLETTE

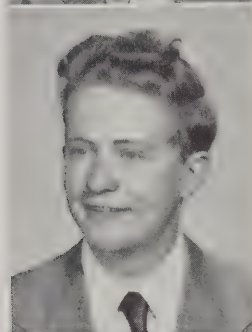
Affable Leo never seeks to have the spotlight focused on himself, although he holds his own tenaciously when it comes to expressing himself in a good recitation. With a very friendly, helpful interest in others, Leo is always a most agreeable companion. Football is the game that Leo likes best to play.





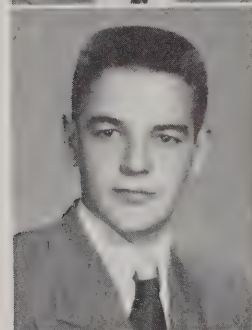
RAYMOND JOSEPH CORMIER

Ray's efficient and thorough-going manner explain his success as a student; and his friendly smile and cordial manner, his many staunch friends. Neither should his courtesy nor his neatness of person go unheralded. Sports appeal to Ray, especially skiing, swimming, and skating—and how he can dance!



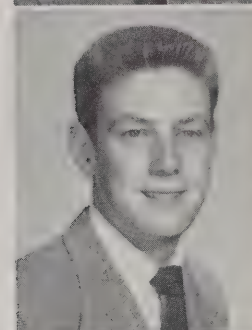
ROBERT NORMAN CORMIER

Bob's quiet good humor and evenness of disposition never seem to fail him and enliven us. He has the knack of knowing just when to be funny and how far to go with it. His dependability will contribute much to his business success. We had a good sample of his dramatic ability as a junior in *Lady of Fatima*.



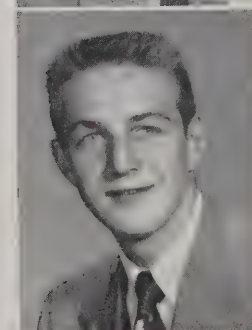
DANIEL PHILIP CRAFFEY

Dan brightens up any group with his dimpled smile and quick sense of humor. He has an active interest in all sports, but particularly excels at basketball, being one of the top players on the team for two years. Dan's cleancut appearance makes a fine impression even though he has a flair for crew-cuts.



ROBERT JOSEPH CROWLEY

We didn't make the acquaintance of this cheerful Leominsterite until we were sophs. But as Bob has the happy propensity of making friends easily and then keeping them permanently, it wasn't long before we felt that he was one of us, 100% in loyalty and school spirit, especially as a zealous cheerleader.

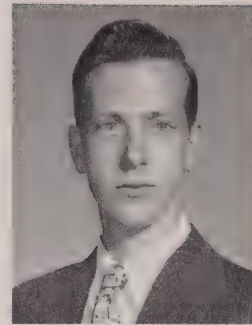


THOMAS HENRY DURKIN

Tom is one Bernardian we're going to miss an awful lot when high school days are over, for he's always bubbling over with pep and fun. With his natural humor and clever repartee, he is the life of any group in and out of school. Athletics will also be minus a fine football player and basketball star.

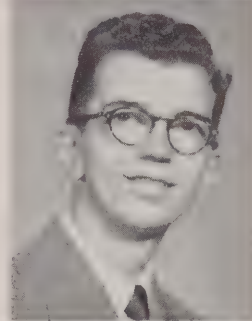
JAMES MARTIN ENWRIGHT

Sociable Jimmy is another high-in-stature '50er, who likes nothing better than to raise drooping morale by one of his favorite jokes. Jim delights in drawing faces, the more gruesome the better, as the young ladies in his vicinity testify. His *Blue and Gold* contributions ably prove his literary ability.



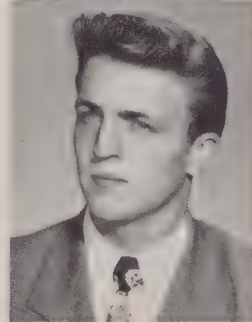
PAUL FRANCIS FLEMING

Tex is that tall, friendly chap, who comes to us each morning from the far West (side), and like the renowned cowboy of old is a friendly individual of few words but big heart and helping hand. But when it comes to a physiology recitation, the tongue of our Tex is unleashed in eloquent delivery.



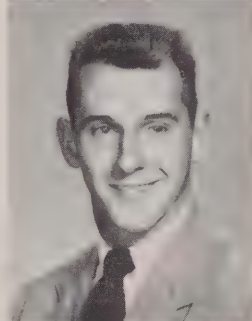
AUGUSTE HECTOR FORTIN

This well-built, Harold-the-Saxon type of youth, came to us in sophomore year from Assumption, and soon became one of us. We remember how well Heck served us at the lunch counter, entertained us at Junior-Senior Reception, and played a fine game of ball on the gridiron, until a knee injury occurred.



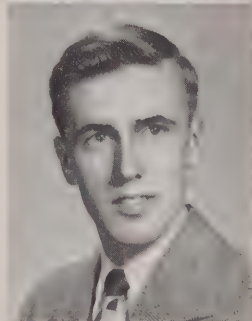
ROGER FREDERICK GAMACHE

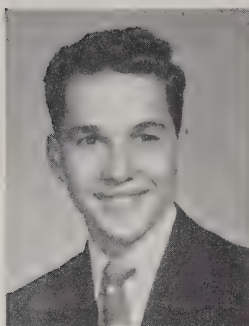
Sociable, carefree Roger has the unusual record of being on the football team since freshman year, but it is as quarterback for the past two years that he has been outstanding. He is also a good basketball player and skier. Next to sports, Roger gets a lot of enjoyment from his hobby of raising rabbits.



ROLAND EDMOND GARIEPY

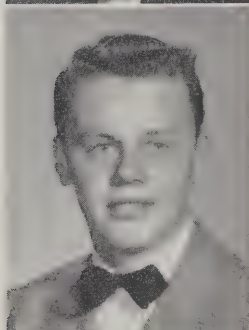
Just by looking at Gap, we know that he is a happy optimist to the nth degree and a proponent of mirth and hilarity, so it is evident why his company is sought. How he likes to zoom along Leominster thoroughfares in his shining Plymouth! Next to this he has a great interest in sports, radio, and video.





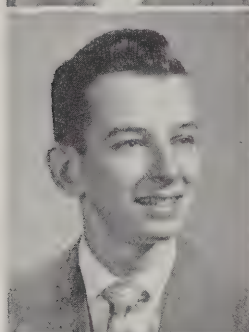
RENE ALBERT GENDRON

Rene is one of our energetic football and baseball players. Around school he is one of our best-dressed seniors, usually of the rare white-shirt, collar-and-tie variety. Whenever we look Rene's way, he never fails in flashing us one of his million-dollar smiles; and at closer range, a bit of his wit.



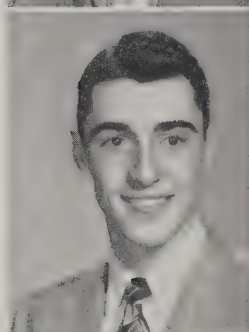
LOUIS MAXIME ISABELLE

Louis, of the ready smile and flashy ties, is another smart dresser. He is president of the French Club and an active member of the Dramatic Club, giving us a fine sample of his dramatic ability in two of our plays. Louis is a great sportsman and likes nothing better than to go far into the wilds to hunt and fish.



RICHARD LAWRENCE KEARNEY

Although Dick has been with us for only two years, his perpetually even disposition and his ability to mix freely with others, has made him a favorite. As an efficient member of the French Club, Dramatic Club, and BERNARDIAN associate editor, Dick has proven himself highly capable. Hunting is his big sport.



EDWARD JOSEPH KEAVENEY

In our illustrious Class of '50, Eddie is a most personable member and a great favorite with everyone, although he never pushes himself into prominence, as we well know. We're glad that this classical student is planning to attend T. C., for we know we couldn't have a better representative there for SBHS.

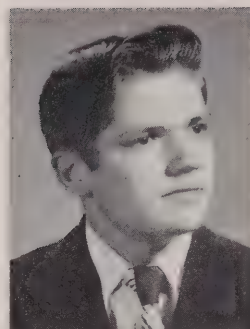


LIONEL EMILE LAMOUREUX

Towering in stature above most of us, Lionel's erect figure is conspicuous as he maneuvers himself with agility in and out of our ranks, and with his usual serenity and good nature. From our association with him in classes, we know that accompanying this dexterity of body is an equally keen mental alertness.

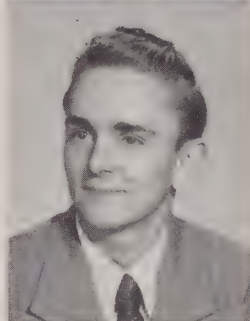
CHARLES ARTHUR L'ECUYER

Clean-cut, very likeable Charlie, with a way of making us laugh heartily that can't be duplicated anywhere, is our classic example of what a gentleman should be. A good student, especially in math, we are glad he intends to continue his studies at medical school. Driving of a rare brand is his specialty.



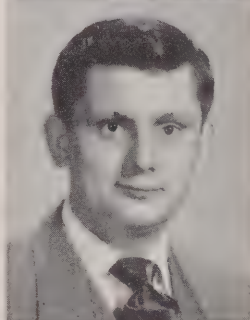
GERALD ROBERT LEGER

Gerry is one of our early-morning arrivals, who appears on the scene first with a cheerful briskness and freshness unsurpassed, which carries him through the day with a smile and unbounded enthusiasm. Although Gerry doesn't believe in monopolizing the conversation, he is known as a clever comedian and wit.



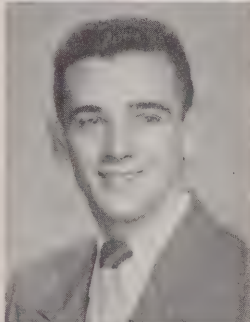
PAUL ALBERT MARCOUX

Paul is no shirker as is apparent from his activities in and out of school. Faithful to the orchestra for four years, he has also written for the *Blue and Gold*, taken part in dramatics and various clubs, and worked hard on yearbook advertising, as well as giving loyal support to SBHS in all its other activities.



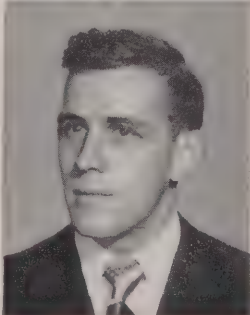
EDGAR WILFRED MAXFIELD

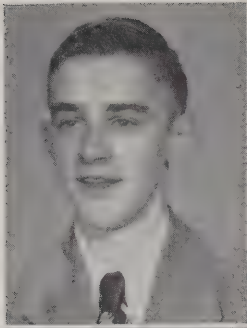
Max is another commuting senior who bridges the gap between us and Leominster. Outstanding on the gridiron, the team lost a fine player when Ed sustained an injury requiring hospitalization. In spite of his great yen for fun, when studying has to be done, Max seriously buckles down to work and succeeds.



ARTHUR HECTOR McCLUSKEY

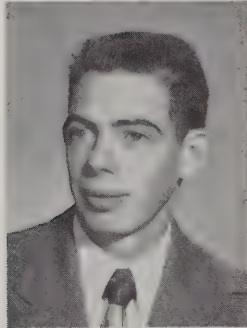
Arthur's faithfulness in supporting our school orchestra for three years, is but one proof of his spirit of loyalty and cooperation, which is also so strongly evidenced in the staunch support he has given to our teams. Advanced math holds no terrors for Arthur as it does for so many of us less talented ones.





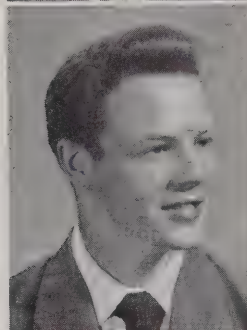
THOMAS BROGAN McINERNEY

Tom is far from being one of our giants in size, but what may be lacking in height is made up for by his cheerfulness, generosity, and sociability. Although his specs give him a professor-like appearance, they can't hide the glint of his bright, friendly eyes. Tom has an interesting collection of old coins.



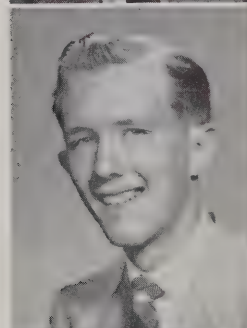
JOHN RICHARD MEMBRINO

The invigorating, bracing air of the South side heights accounts for John's high spirits and breezy friendliness. The Southsiders Club would be incomplete without John working for its success, especially as an outstanding pitcher. A rabid baseball fan, John cheered the Pittsburgh Pirates to the bitter end.



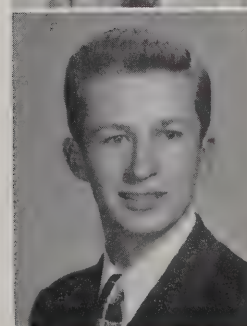
WILLIAM HAROLD O'CONNOR

Bill, our star basketball center and hard-working football player, is also an avid baseball fan. Gentlemanly, neatly-dressed Red, never fails us when it comes to contributing some good story or laughable skit. A good entertainer himself, he manages to get a lot of enjoyment and laughs out of it for himself.



JAMES JOSEPH O'MALLEY

Jim is another '50 celebrity who shuns the spotlight whenever possible. This highly personable and popular Bernardian is one of SBHS's most loyal adherents. We will remember him as an excellent classical student, a good thespian, clever *Blue and Gold* sports writer, BERNARDIAN worker, and athletic rallier.

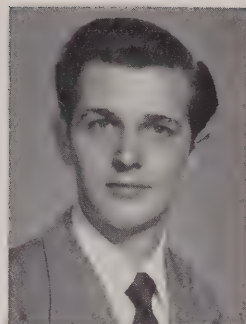


FRANCIS XAVIER O'NEILL

Fran is another worthy son of our sister town Leominster and a welcome addition to SBHS. His sunny countenance evidences his happy disposition and genuine friendliness. Winner at the Leominster Junior Tennis Tournament, who knows but our Fran may one day be a national tennis champ. H. C. is his mecca.

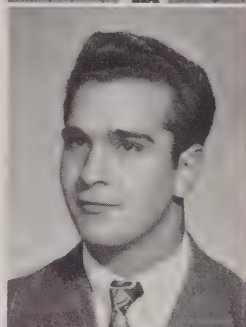
JOHN DOMINIC PAROLIN

John's interest in school work and mental alertness are demonstrated by the intelligence of his questions and his ability to argue his point. His businesslike efficiency explain his success as Editor of the BERNARDIAN. This courteous, well-dressed senior has also been prominent in dramatics and track.



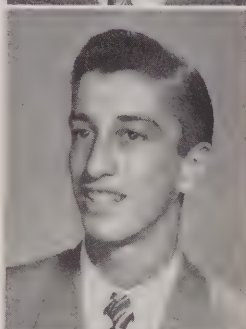
CLELIO PIERMARINI

A gentleman to the core, Clelio distinguishes himself by his unfeigned good manners and friendly interest in all of us. He is also most sincere and honest. As Clelio is interested in flying, it may be aviation school next year. The Italian Colonial Band has also benefited by his fine clarinet playing.



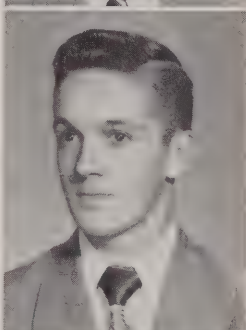
ALPHONSE QUARELLA

This popular president of the Italian Club is a good student and a fine friend. Although inclined to be rather reticent, he is nevertheless an interesting and humorous speaker. By nature quick and spirited, this does not affect Al's thoughtful consideration of others, and his loyal support of St. Bernard's.



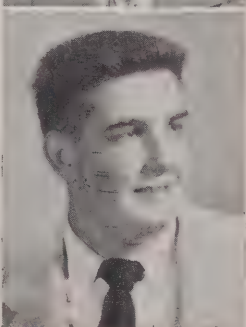
ROGER LEO RABOIN

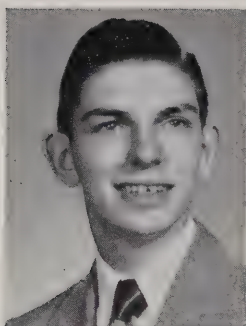
Manly, amiable Roger is a general favorite, who deserves special praise for his remarkable record throughout the four years. A high-honor classical student, president of the Dramatic Club, sports writer for the *Blue and Gold*, Boys' State representative—briefly, these must suffice to show his fine caliber.



JAMES ALFRED REGAN

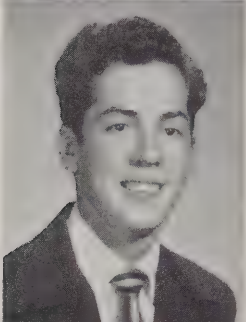
Jim's friends are high in their praises of this favorite Bernardian who beamingly smiles his way among us with never a shadow of gloom. Humphrey may appear to be quiet and a man of few words, but you'll soon change your mind when you find him surrounded by his pals. Jim is an outstanding football player.





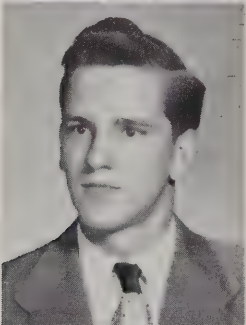
RAYMOND ADELARD RIVARD

Ray is such a fine baseball player that we hope one day to see him on some major league. His ability on the diamond is on a par with his pleasant disposition and friendly ways. Although he will never be criticized for being verbose, Ray never fails to be sociable and contribute his share in humorous remarks.



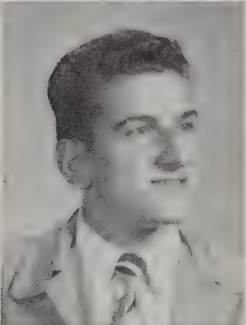
JOEL JOSEPH ROULEAU

Joe comes to us every day from Lunenburg and did not make our acquaintance until junior year. But in this short sojourn with us, he has become one with us in everything. We recall especially the big hit Joe made in the Junior-Senior Reception and as a cheerleader. Joe is quite a musician and an artist.



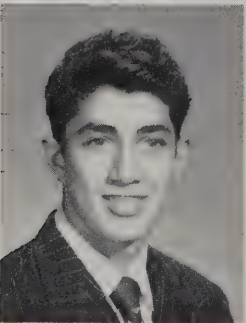
RAYMOND ROBERT ROUSSEAU

One reason why Ray is a welcome addition to any happy group is that he not only is able to get a good laugh from others but has a most contagious laugh himself, and if a joke is at his expense, he takes it good-naturedly and without offense. Ray is active in most sports but basketball is by far the favorite.



LOUIS NICHOLAS SCACHETTI

Although Louis waited until junior year to come to us, we all know him to be a welcome addition to the class of '50. Possessor of a very likeable personality and a goodly share of wit, when some merriment is in the offing, we may be sure that Louis will not be in the background but an active participant.

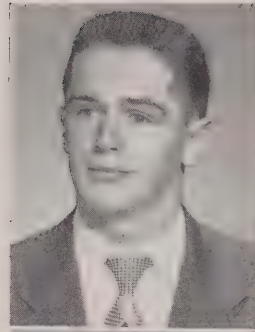


LEON SALVATORE SICILIANO

We're not exaggerating when we say that Lee has one of the cheeriest dispositions in our class. Who can ever remember seeing him when his step was not buoyant, his head held high, and the sunniest smile brightening up his pleasing countenance? What we like best is his willingness to do a good turn for all.

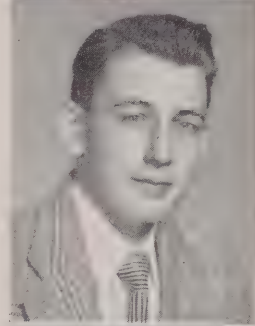
JOHN ROBERT SULLIVAN

Athletically inclined, Jack has shown his ability in football, basketball, and baseball. Although unassuming and retiring, Sull had to pay dearly for his popularity by being besieged by adoring autograph seekers. Always on time, Sull is practically the only one from Nashua Street area not running to make the last bell.



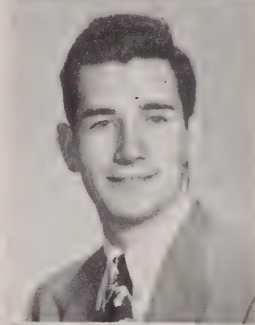
RICHARD FRANCIS TUCKER

How the prestige of the top-of-the-world South side would suffer if Dick departed from its midst! For he's also a whiz when it comes to battling with studies, especially math, always emerging with the coveted A. But Dick gives no evidence of such erudition, as he serenely and smilingly wends his way among us.



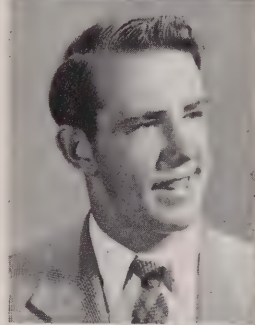
GEORGE WALTER VALLEE

Outstanding in George, domiciling in fair Leominster, is his sincerity and his readiness to offer a helping hand. Possessor of an unselfish spirit and fine gentlemanly traits, he is never aggressive nor quarrelsome but always a fine wholesome comrade, mixing in well in any coterie. Baseball is his sport.



GABRIEL RAYMOND VEZINA

Gabe's traveling to SBHS every morning on the French Hill bus seems to have an invigorating effect on his naturally energetic and affable disposition, for all day long, he is alert, wide-awake, and smilingly conscious of all that is going on. A fine friend and athlete, we know that Gabe will be successful.



GRACE NORMA ANDREWS

Smiles, energy, dancing eyes, happiness—these we have in Gracie, a fine Leominsterite with a million friends and a heart of gold, the girl who will go places and will do everything with fine spirit. This bundle of laughter is found early every morning on our main corridor starting us off in good style.





ELAINE TERESA ATKINSON

Elaine has absorbed the sunshine and exhilarating atmosphere of her South side summits, so that we always find her cheerful, carefree, and optimistic. Literature, especially poetry, and drawing are the subjects that appeal. Elaine has been active in dramatics and in loyally supporting Bernardian teams.



CECILE MARY BABINEAU

Little Cecile is never boisterous nor one who selfishly monopolizes the conversation. But in her own quiet, refined way, she adds her share to the good time of any circle by her congeniality and timely well-chosen remarks. Cecile creates a favorable impression by her tidiness and good taste in dress.



CONSTANCE BERTHA BARRETTE

If smiles were paid for in money, Constance would surely be one of our millionaires. Small, dainty, spotlessly groomed, Connie will be remembered not only for these exterior qualities, but also for her humorous sallies and lively companionship. Connie surely has the qualifications demanded for an air hostess.



DOLORES MARGARET BARRIEAU

Dolores, the smallest of our Shirleyites, is an excellent student and intelligently capable in all she does. But she moves unaffectedly among us with no superior airs but just the best friend one could ever have, always jovial and helpful. How Lorraine's fingers can make the typewriter keys rapidly click!



DOROTHY DOMETHILDA BASTARACHE

Dot is one of our quick-thinking, brilliant seniors, who knows how to get the most out of study and fun. We're glad she finds it easy to smile as it shows up her sweet little dimples all the more. We can always depend upon Dot to be straightforward in all she says, even when it takes much courage to do it.

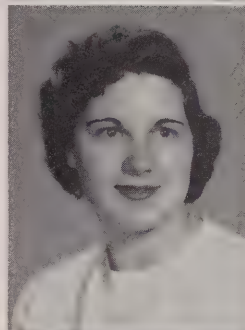
MARGARET ELLEN BATES

Peggy is sure to make a good impression wherever she goes with her bright, alert expression and trim little body, always so faultlessly poised and becomingly attired, even to the point of being considered fastidious by her intimate friends. Unselfishly, Peg always puts the needs of others before her own.



ALICE EDNA BELLIVEAU

For four years Alice has faithfully brightened our days with the sunshine of her smile and gay, spontaneous laughter. True blue in her loyalty and fidelity to all things Bernardian, Alice has been outstanding in her willingness to give herself 100% in working for the success of some project, yearbook included.



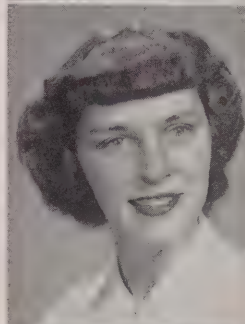
BEVERLY ELIZABETH BERGERON

Bev, a slender brunette from Leominster, is an ardent football and basketball fan. Unpretentious and dignified in her bearing and behavior, Bev has a smile which radiates in all directions and attracts friends to her. One of her hobbies is collecting photos. Bev is now planning for a secretarial career.



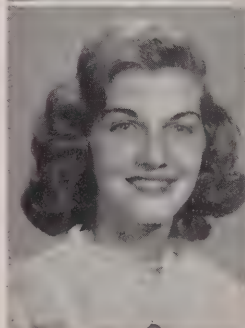
JANET RITA BESSETTE

Janet, our popular little cheerleader, deserves much well-merited praise in giving us the best cheering leaders we ever had and the catchiest variety of up-to-the-minute cheers. Her quiet friendliness, helpful spirit, and attractive personality traits are but a few of Janet's outstanding leadership qualities.



JEANNE MARIE BESSETTE

Blue-eyed and of classic features, Jeanne is one of our tall, stately seniors who prefers her beautiful flaxen hair to flow in long bob, rather than a short one. Good in all subjects, yet it is as a French student that Jeanne shines. An adept at roller skating, Jeanne gets a lot of fun out of this recreation.





NANCY ANN BOLDUC

Possessor of a quiet, refined dignity, Nancy is a striking figure as she moves among us gracefully erect and of lady-like mien. But do not think from this description that Nancy holds herself aloof and is hard to make in with. Far from this, for underneath her seeming reserve is a most lovable friend.



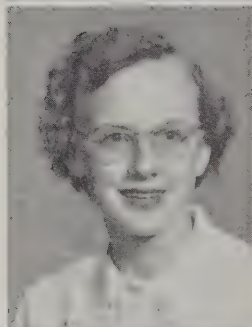
GLORIA MARY BOUCHER

Just a glance at Gloria and you know that she is a young lady who gets things done quickly and well, but without losing any of her warm friendliness and interest in humans. Gloria is very fond of her work in our city library and hopes one day to be a full-fledged librarian. Thanks for the U. S. movie!



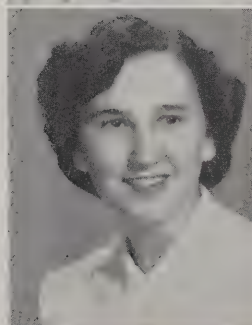
DOLORES ANN BOUVIER

In classroom and corridor, Dolores' soft voice and gentle manner are always in evidence. But with her friends, especially on outings, she becomes loquacious and high spirited, adding her share to the general merriment. A dependable worker, we know that as a medical secretary Dolores will make good.



CLAUDETTE GLORIA CAMIRAND

A fragile little miss but with a very winning personality is our Claudette of Leominster domicile. Light of heart and nimble of foot, Claudette smilingly mingles gleefully among us, with a buoyant lilt of head and body. A lover of good books, Claudette is also an ardent football and basketball enthusiast.

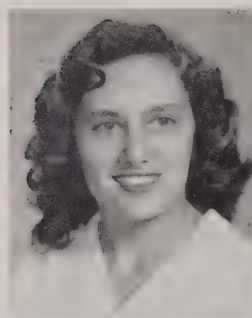


LORRAINE BEATRICE CAOUETTE

We all agree that Lorraine has the nicest smile and friendly nature, in which we all benefit. Her characteristic good taste and neatness in dress, particularly her spotless, white blouses, is reflected in all that she does. With Lorraine there are no half measures; what she begins is finished in good style.

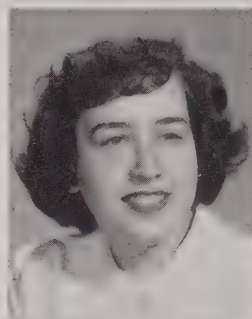
DORIS JULIA CAPONE

Little Doris is a bright-eyed curly-haired brunette. Although her voice and mannerisms are those of a little girl, Doris surprises by her ability and initiative as a student and organizer. Doris is an exceptional skater and may yet be a professional. If you have any baseball questions, ask Doris.



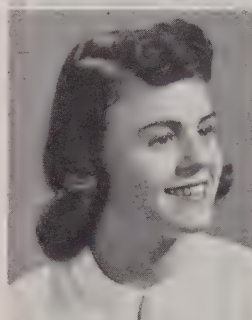
CLAIRE DORIS CARON

Sparkling with the healthy glow of youth, Claire possesses all the freshness and buoyancy of a high-spirited teen ager. Her mental alertness is best shown when some difficult problem presents itself in bookkeeping class, and Claire quickly has the solution. Obstacles to her are but a challenge to overcome.



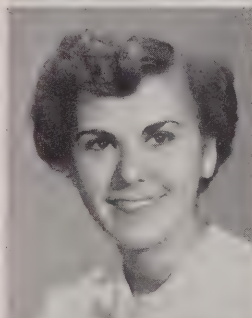
PHYLLIS ANNE CARON

Phyllis' personality can truly be described as magnetic. We feel that this warm-hearted, splendid student knows each of us intimately, and is interested in our welfare, in spite of the many demands on her time. How school activities, especially the *Blue* and *Gold* and dramatics, would have suffered without her!



PHYLLIS ANN CASELLA

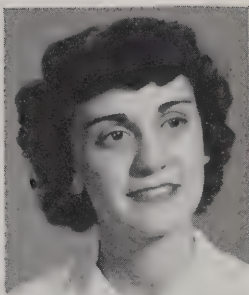
Phyllis has a most appealing charm all her own — soft spoken, refined, and gentle; with deep-set heavily fringed dark-brown eyes, and irresistible smile. Her tender, sympathetic, yet strong nature and ability to apply herself to study and work will advance her far in her favorite profession of nursing.



EILEEN THERESE COCHLIN

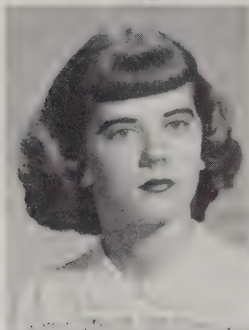
If there is a story to be told to hold the audience spellbound, then give it to Eileen who will spin out and embellish the tale to bring out the most hearty laughs. Her sojourn in sunny California has but enhanced the light-heartedness and cheerful glow which radiates from her and warms us with her friendship.





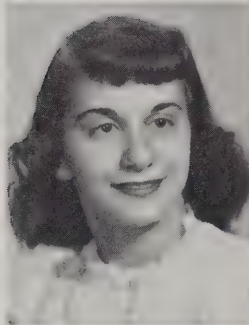
ROSE MARIE COLLURA

As the lovely rose is the favorite among flowers, so is our Rose in our Bernardian garden. Blooming on the sunny South side, Rose radiates the warm glow of cheerfulness and good fellowship. Rose always shows true school spirit, and with her winning personality we predict blue skies for air-hostess Rose.



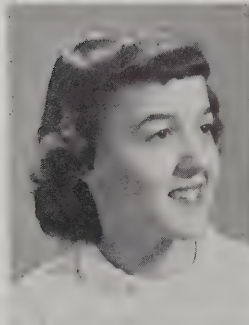
ANN MARY CONNELL

Ever pleasant and vivacious, with a laugh for every hour, Ann raises the happy spirits of '50 to a high tempo. But how well she succeeds in curbing her impetuous, effervescent impulses once class has started. Ann has a knack for making friends and is usually seen surrounded by a laughing, happy coterie.



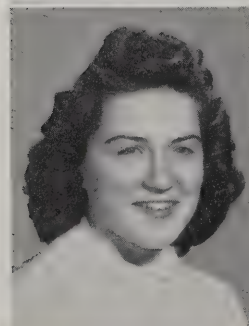
CLARA RENA CONTESSA

Gracefully slender and tall, Clara's twinkling brown eyes and habitual smile reveal her very friendly temperament. Although known to be an ardent devotee of outdoor sports, Clara is fond of writing poems, stories, and best of all sketching and oil painting. Talented in art, Clara plans to be a designer.



ANITA MARY CORMIER

This little brunette with the pert bangs is another unpretentious favorite from Leominster and a bosom friend of Gloria and Elaine. Although more inclined to the quiet than to the boisterous side, Anita's laugh at times is hearty and spontaneous. Her enthusiasm is at its best when cheering loudly at the games.



DOLORES RITA CORMIER

Dol's arrival at SBHS in senior year made our famous Shirley quartette a quintette. It didn't take Dolores and us long to get acquainted for she has the enviable faculty of making friends readily. Our senior one-act play convinced us of Dol's dramatic ability. We're glad that Dol is headed for T. C.

JACQUELINE THERESA COURNOYER

Jackie's amiable and unruffled even disposition is just what one would expect after a flash of her winsome, somewhat restrained smile. Her friends vouch for her fidelity and dependability and tell us that she will go miles out of her way to do a favor, yet unselfishly never ask anything for herself.



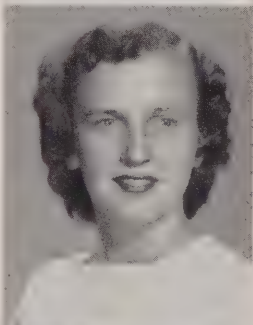
MARY AGNES CRAFTY

Happy-go-lucky Sis of South side fame arrives each morning full of energy and swing and ready for the laughs of the day. Chuck-full of school spirit, when it comes to cheering at the games, Mary is tops. The same can be said of her superb dramatic ability and skill as mistress of the ivories and harmony.



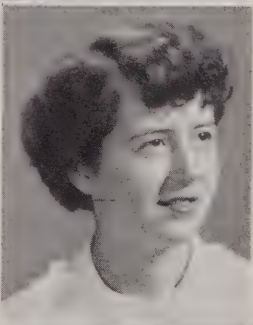
ANN MARIE CUNNINGHAM

Ann, our soft-spoken and ladylike blonde, shows a definite taste for nice clothes, and also ability as actress in our school productions. Her carefree, sunny manner has gained many friends for her, for we consider her an ideal companion and classmate. She enjoys many sports especially her favorite, skating.



LUCILLE ANNETTE DEXTRAZE

Lu, our sweet songster has been the highlight of many of our assemblies throughout the past four years. But success and praise have left Lu wholesomely unaffected and unspoiled, and everybody's friend. We all agree that Lu's smile and personality are unequalled, and are glad she will continue voice culture.



JOAN MARY DOWNES

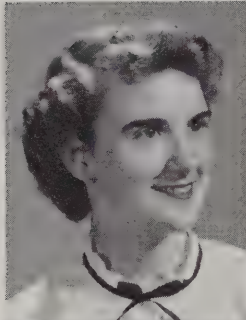
Sweet-tempered, friendly, and humorous to the highest chuckling point, Joan is nevertheless inclined to be a bit reserved and hesitant in her overtures at first, but once you really know her, she's the best fun ever. Joan is also one of our stage stars and another Bernardian intending to join the nursing ranks.





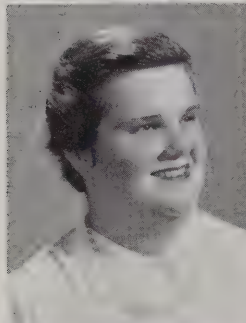
MARY ANN DULING

Mary's fine qualities are such as to give a more brilliant luster to our most worthy class. Her loyalty, dependability, and efficiency; however, do not overshadow her beautiful spirit of friendliness and interest in all that concerns us. A good student in all subjects, Mary is at her best in English class.



IRENE SARAH DUPUIS

For three years diminutive Irene has demonstrated her pep as a cheerleader of ability. With a coy, alluring smile always lurking around the corners of her mouth, Irene is very approachable and can be depended upon to be on hand whenever she is needed. Her success is assured because of her determination.



ANN THERESA ESPIE

Ann's wholesomeness and cordial heartiness are strikingly in evidence at all times. This is true also of her spirit of loyalty and cooperation wherever SBHS is concerned. Very much interested in sports, Ann has been a faithful rooter at Bernardian contests. Ann will be most competent and ideal as a nurse.



GRACE ANGELA FANELLI

Grace is distinguished by her black wavy hair, lustrous dark eyes, and fascinating smile. Her yen for nice clothes explains her enviable well-stocked attractive wardrobe. Although a busy person, Grace finds time to enjoy herself at football and basketball games. As a secretary, she will be most satisfactory.

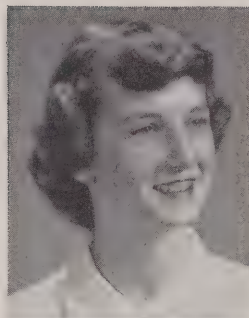


JEANNETTE ELIZABETH GAGNE

Quietly reserved and self-controlled is our first impression of Jeannette. But when we come to know her better, we find that in addition to her abundant energy and common sense, she has a good sense of humor and love of fun. Stamp collecting is her pet hobby and swimming the sport in which she is most expert.

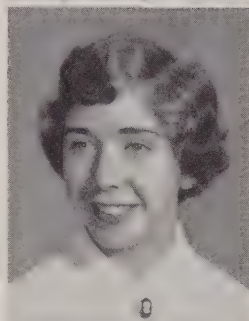
ELAINE DORIS GAUDETTE

Slender, blue-eyed Ginger, has a remarkable capacity for making the acquaintance of the nicest people and then keeping them as lifelong friends. But this is accounted for by her many acts of generosity done so quietly and modestly. She has a marvelous memory especially when it comes to naming baseball players.



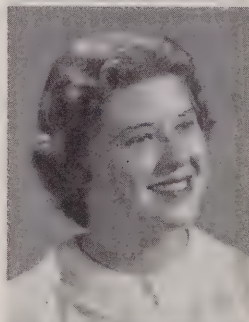
MARTHA MARY GAUMOND

Penny, sylphlike and titian-topped, knows how to dress becomingly and to carry her stylish raiment with a queenly air. Judging from her refined gentleness and subdued manner, one would never suspect the liveliness of her nature. Although much interested in social activities, school work is never neglected.



FRANCES MARY GAUTHIER

Fran has many interests both in school and out. As a sophomore her fine-quality voice was heard in debates and junior and senior year found her on the diocesan team, and often behind the footlights. Now that she drives dad's car, her friends have further proof of her generosity. Nursing is the chosen field.



CLAUDETTE YVONNE GIONET

In our Shirley quintette, Bunny is distinguished by her long slender lines and graceful gestures. Always dignified and well-mannered, Claudette succeeds in making loyal friends because of the generosity of her nature. Outstanding is her zeal and limitless understanding. Bun is a fine swimmer, skier, and dancer.



JEANNETTE DOROTHY GIONET

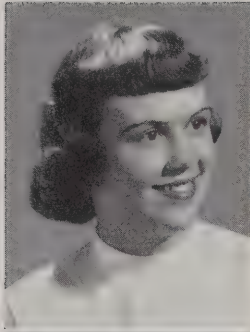
Jen is a fine advertisement for her native Shirley. With a smile and an effervescent spirit that never flags, Jen attacks what must be done with an amazing zest, entering into everything wholeheartedly, whether it be lessons, dancing, swimming, etc. Jen is looking forward to a career as dental hygienist.





GLORIA MARY GIROUARD

Just one glance at Gloria's radiant, smiling countenance, and you know that this sunbeam is a very cheerful and energetic person. Yes, Gloria is that happy-go-lucky Bernardian from down Leominster way, who is ever ready to take part in any lark you might suggest and then get all the fun possible out of it.



LORRAINE ALMA GIROUARD

Most of us look up to Lorraine, not only because she towers above most of us in height, but because of her integrity and lofty ideals. Because she has so little to say about herself, it has the effect of increasing our interest in her. Slender Lorraine is always dressed with the best taste and becomingly.



LORETTA MARY HAAKER

Sincerity and frankness attend everything that Loretta says and does, and we know that there are no half measures with her. Quietly but effectively, she moves among us winning friends by her evenness of temper, tactfulness, and resourcefulness. We admire her willingness to give assistance wherever needed.



ANN MARGARET HARE

Although there is nothing robust about fragile-looking Ann, she does surprise by her spirit of determination and ability to accomplish things. One proof of this is her work on the BERNARDIAN advertising committee. Her quiet air of gentle refinement and friendliness are characteristics we like in Ann.

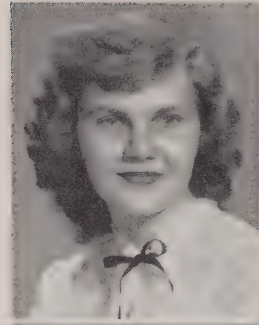


LORRAINE THERESA HUNT

Judging from her nickname Peewee, we know that blue-eyed Lorraine is no amazon in size — far from it. But delicately formed as she may be, Lorraine surprises us with the amount of energy she expends, especially in the line of sports and dancing. We can always depend upon Lorraine to cheer and entertain.

RITA ALMA LABONTE

Whenever you want some extra-fine joy and a sure cure for the blues, dial R-I-T-A, who all along the way has been our cherished sunbeam, vivacious and gay, and has kept us giggling constantly. But sometimes Rita's big, expressive eyes have a dreamy look and then we wonder what she is so seriously thinking of.



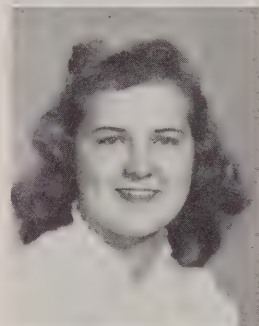
LILLIAN MARY LAFOSSE

Lil, another of our little senior girls, is the personification of neatness and systematic order. She's a very sociable young lady, mixing in well with everybody. How she does love to dance and how well she has mastered that art! Lil is another Bernardian who plans to begin her training as nurse in the fall.



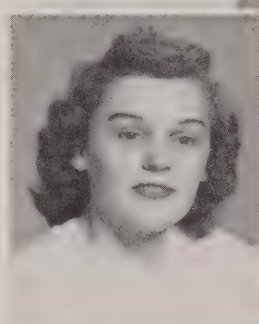
DOROTHY MARIE LAMBERT

We were all glad when Dot returned to us senior year, for she's always so pleasantly companionable, with a smile and kind word for everyone, which does account somewhat for her being a popular favorite. Her loyalty for SBHS seems to have been intensified by her absence. Dot is fond of music and various sports.



ELEANOR PAULA LAMKIN

Overflowing with youthful zest and vigor, El will long be remembered for her likeable, friendly traits, pleasant remarks, and good sense of humor. There is none of the hypocrite about El for she is too straightforward to say or do what would be deceitful. Athletically inclined, El is an enthusiastic rooter.



JOAN LORETTA LAVALLEY

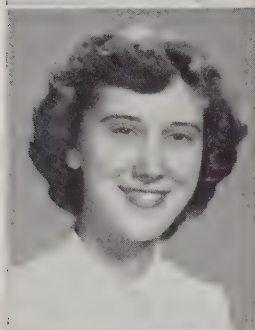
From the suburban slopes of fair West Fitchburg, blue-eyed Joan speeds to us each day, flitting in and out of classes, securing maximum results, but with minimum notice. When drawn into conversation, Joan becomes animated in her well-chosen words and displays a latent sense of humor and a quickness of intellect.





LUCILLE DORIS LEBLANC

Where laughter and joy are to be found, there you'll find Lucille. She is always ready to have a good time, especially if dancing has anything to do with it, and what fun she does get from a square dance! This lightheartedness and gaiety of spirit is just what future nurse Lu will need for her patients.



THERESA BLANCHE L'ECUYER

Slender, brown-haired Therese believes in always smiling and never frowning. This is evident from the brightness of her clear sparkling eyes and cheerful disposition. Her enthusiasm is at its best when in the first row of the cheering section. Therese possesses all the qualities of a successful secretary.



IRENE JUSTINE LEGER

Irene, petite and ladylike, comes and goes without attracting attention to herself nor desiring to be noticed. But she is always ready to share in fun and be friendly to all, giving practical proofs of this by her many unheralded acts of helpfulness. From head to toes, Irene is always most becomingly orderly.



LILLIAN ANNA LEGER

Lil attracts by her dark, lively eyes, and black natural-curl hair, which is the envy of her less fortunate friends. Lil's whole expression becomes animated and sparkling when discussing some pet point of interest. As we might expect, Lil follows all sports, particularly football and baseball with zest.



LEA BEATRICE LEMIRE

Lea is another jewel from Leominster who favors us constantly with a sweet, captivating smile and most lovable disposition. Her calm, gentle nature seems unperturbed and free from irritation when assailed by the vexations of daily life. Winning or losing, Lea is a loyal supporter of our Bernardian teams.

PAULINE CLAIRE LEVESQUE

Pauline is another beam of appreciated sunshine and good comradeship, who never fails to find the pleasant side of life and put a charitable construction even on the failings of others. Pauline has always proven herself to be a reliable, capable, willing worker which speaks well for her future business success.



ANN ETHEL LIDBERG

What Ann lacks in height and avoirdupois, she makes up for in mentality, as her high marks testify. Her small, very legible handwriting is but the expression of her own innate sense of neatness and order. Ann is especially fond of bowling, and is quite proficient at taking pictures, one of her pet hobbies.



COLLETTE MARIE MAILLOUX

What better proof have we of Collette's gentle, lovable nature and magnetic personality, than the way little children are instinctively drawn to her. Full of very fine and original ideas, Collette has one unusual hobby—her interest in collecting all sorts of biological specimens and observing their progress.



JANICE ANN MALLEY

Another Leominsterite who believes in smiling her way through life, seeing the sunny side and taking things as they come, is Janice, ever congenial and always such good company. An enthusiastic follower of all school teams, Jan cheers with the best spirit. To be a dietitian is Janice's ambition.



MARION LOUISE MALONEY

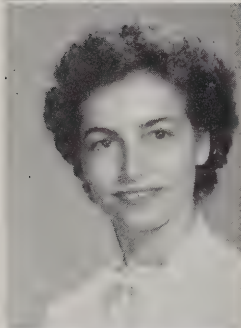
Marion might well flash into our minds at the words, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling." Add to her real Irish blue eyes, a cute little nose and wavy black hair, and we have our colleen of '50. Mistress of the ivories, Marion's deft fingers play anything from classics to modern bebop, as well as a church organ.





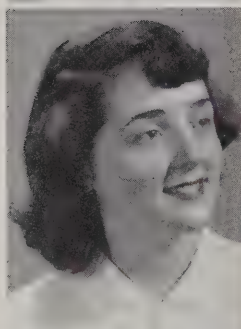
CHARLOTTE ANN MANCUSO

Fun-loving Charlotte with her winning smile and cheery flash of recognition as one passes her by, has done much to add to the loyal spirit of our class, both during school hours and at the games. Her generous and quiet friendliness open a most welcome way to her in any group whenever she appears on the scene.



THERESE ROMELDA MATHIEU

Penny, slender and graceful, expresses her companionableness, especially by the sincerity of her big brown eyes and inviting smile, and gives to her many friends an unshakeable loyalty. Athletically inclined, Therese enjoys herself most when swimming, skating, dancing, and attending football games.



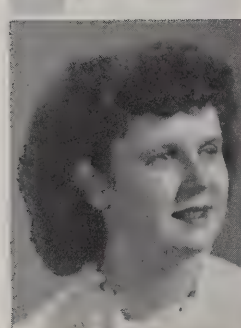
LORRAINE THERESA MAXFIELD

Lorraine, sister of Edgar, is happy when her athlete brother is receiving the applause, remaining herself quietly in the background, as far as speech is concerned. But her sweet, gentle charm attracts, so that her friends are many and appreciative. Football and basketball are Lorraine's favorite sports.



JENNIE ANN MAZZOLA

Although Jennie, this sparkle of joy from Leominster, left her heart with the '49ers, we love her none the less for it. Jen joins in various school activities working hard for their success. What we admire most is her tactfulness and ability to do and say just the right thing at the right moment.

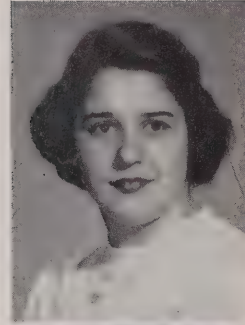


TERESA MARGARET McCARTHY

Of an apparently mild, gentle, and subdued nature, we know that underneath this quiet, unassuming nature is a gay, light-hearted Teresa, who never loses out on the merriment, and always proves herself to be an ideal companion. Dancing and swimming furnish pleasure to our Teresa, who is now secretary-minded.

MARGARET ANN McKENNA

Peggy's smile and hearty laugh reveal a magnetic personality bubbling over with friendliness and good nature. Her large wide-awake dark eyes open wide with enthusiasm and interest in all that goes on about her, so that she never appears the least bit bored. Peg's patients will benefit by this same interest.



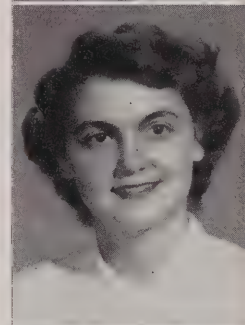
MARY ANGELINA MESSINA

Mary of the dark brown hair and eyes that always seem to be extending a big greeting of welcome, was a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., before coming to our hilly city, and to St. Bernard's. For three years, Mary has helped our orchestra achieve fame by adding to it her ability and cleverness as sax player.



GLORIA ANNE MILLETTE

Mischievous bright eyes and ready smile are but two characteristics of Goya's attractive makeup. She has become familiar to all of us because of her many activities especially in dramatics and Glee Club. Goya also excels at dancing and bowling and is now planning to be another SBHS "girl in white."



MARILYN JANE MOQUIN

Marilyn's intimate friends tell us that her glasses are deceiving if they give the impression that she is a grind. Far from it for hers is a very gay, lively temperament, always ready with some witty remark. But minus the glasses, who would suspect that Marilyn likes to write poetry and does exceptionally well.



MARGARET MARY MULLAHY

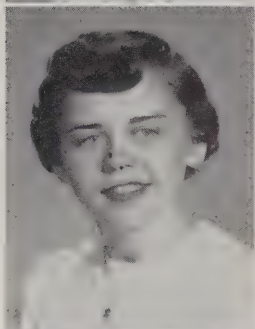
Peggy is a very fine classical student who comes to us from Leominster. What we like in Peg especially is her sincerity, cheerful smile, and generous spirit of helpfulness. This loyal Bernardian likes to attend the games and do some lusty cheering. Junior-Senior Reception and yearbook profited by her aid.





JANET KATHERINE O'DONNELL

Jan or O'Dee is everybody's friend. From the constant twinkling of her eyes and the smile hovering ever around her lips, we know that she is good fun. She keeps up to date in the neat simplicity of her sport clothes, popular songs, and chuckling jokes and pranks. Jan is vice-president of the Dramatic Club.



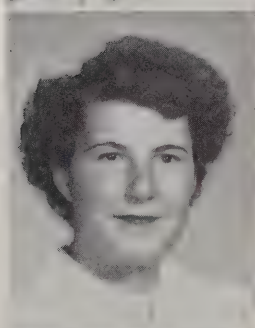
ANNE MOORE O'SULLIVAN

Take all the qualities you would like to have in a friend—unselfishness, buoyant personality, intelligence, most witty humor—put them all together and you have the one and only original O'Sully. Just to look at Anne and her pleasing bright appearance, and it is evident that she has plenty of initiative.



LORRAINE BEATRICE PERREAULT

Lorry, somewhat diminutive and retiring, is a great sports' enthusiast and a very fine skater. Her friends like to tease her to see her blush, but Lorry is never offended and takes it all in good part. Her strength of character is noticeable in the way she assumes responsibility and faces difficult tasks.



PAULINE MARY PORELL

Pauline's heartwarming smile is indicative of her kind and friendly disposition and of her willingness to be a good Samaritan to all. Although proficient in French and an active member of the French Club, Pauline is planning to specialize in accounting. She is an avid football and hockey enthusiast.

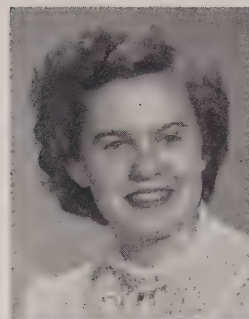


ELEANOR CLAIRE RAIMON

Ray, one of our really tall senior girls, makes good use of her precious time, both in school and out. No matter what she attempts, we know that our efficient Eleanor can be depended upon to do it well, whether it be some prosaic task or a good hearty laugh or ringing cheer at games well attended by her.

THERESA MARY REYNOLDS

Terry is acclaimed by her many friends to be the ideal school chum for she always extends generously a cordial smile and the much-appreciated helping hand. What she does is never half-done as her fine work on the yearbook biographies shows. Terry is another loyal '50er who gives all-out aid in sports.



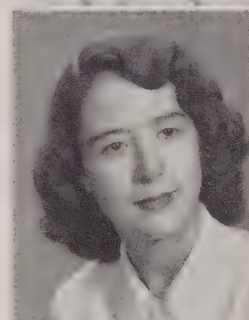
LOUISE THERESA RICHARDS

The vibrant personality of our Louise is reflected in her refreshingly wholesome exterior—especially in the clear sparkle of her bright eyes, the healthy rosy tint of her skin, and in her general alertness. Louise excels at skating and dancing and is always on hand to cheer the Bernardians to the utmost.



MAUREEN KATHRYN RIVERS

Take two twinkling brown eyes, lovely reddish-brown hair, two deep dimples, and an ever-ready smile, and there you have Maureen. Although small in stature, this carefree, gay bombshell has risen to great heights in scholastic achievement and popularity. Her keen sense of humor make her a delightful companion.



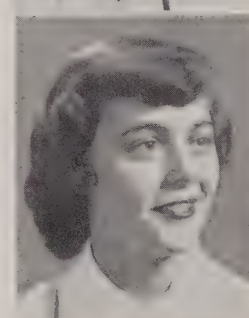
JOANNE MARY RYAN

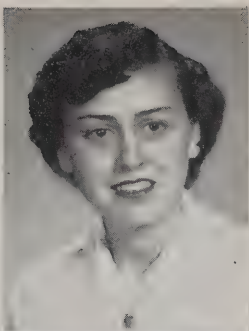
Jo has been richly endowed with many gifts. From her dignified bearing and well-groomed appearance, we correctly gauge Jo to be most efficient and keenly alert. But her shining blue eyes and bewitching smile bespeak a very friendly personality. Water sports of all varieties claim top honors with our Joanne.



ANNETTE JOAN SAULNIER

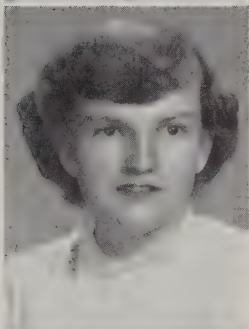
Brown-eyed and fair of complexion, Annette's hair is surely a crown of glory. Her happy-go-lucky attitude, evenness of disposition, and ability to mingle sociably with others account for her numerous friends. Annette has always shown a ready willingness to enter into all extra-curricula activities.





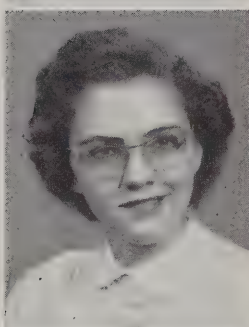
LUCY ANN SCEMENI

The gleam in Lucy's dark eyes is but a reflection of the warm glow in her heart, which makes her such a desirable companion. Her neatness, alertness, and efficiency speak well for her future success as a private secretary. Basketball is her favorite sport and Lucy never fails to be on hand to cheer with vim.



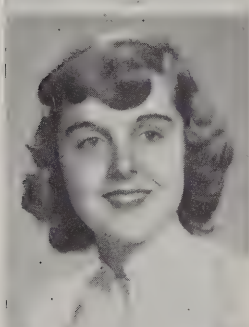
KATHLEEN ANN SCULLANE

Kay, vivacious and one who mixes in well wherever she goes, does this with a quiet, tender regard for the rights and feelings of others. She likes a good time and manages always to get it. Kay displays boundless energy in all she does, whether work or play. Kay's handwriting expresses her own innate neatness.



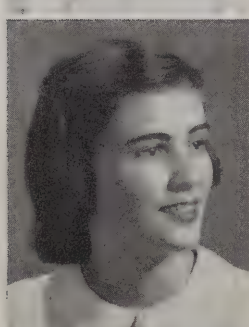
BARBARA MARIE SHANNON

Barb, ever gay and somewhat loquacious, can always be depended upon to enliven any group with her enthusiasm and ready wit. To remain an excellent student consistently throughout the four years without curbing her fun-loving propensities is Barb's enviable accomplishment. Is it to be college or nursing?



CONSTANCE MARIE SHAW

Cheerful Connie of the big brown eyes can always be depended upon to greet us with a smile and a bit of humor; and to appear with the latest style in dress and hair-do; and to be right there at all the games regardless of the weather. We know that we can rely upon Connie to carry on with the same spirit at T. C.



ADRIA LOUISE SMITH

Bright-eyed, high-spirited Adria, is pleasingly conspicuous for her integrity, loyalty, and dependability. No matter what the emergency, Adria can always be counted on to give 100% assistance. Adria has contributed much to the *Blue and Gold*, BERNARDIAN, and the various clubs—Debating, Radio, Dramatics.



ANTONIA ELIZABETH SMITH

Although petite and with a gentle winning way, Toni abounds in energy and shows herself always intelligently capable in all she undertakes. High at the top in scholarship, yet Toni ever remains just one of us, loyally supporting all school activities and always ready for fun and a good time with the rest of us.

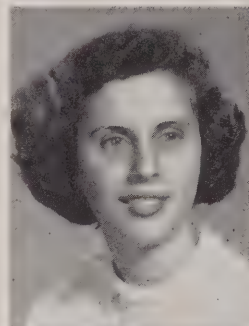
ROBERTA ANN STANLEY

This little, blue-eyed blonde from the lofty heights of the South side is a very versatile and active miss, especially interested in all Bernardian undertakings. Roberta's enthusiasm contributes much to her success in many activities especially sports, Junior-Senior Reception, Glee Club, Dramatics, Radio Club.



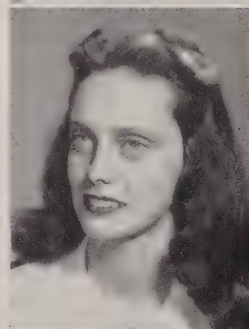
LORRAINE AGNES TESSIER

Lorry, slight of build and gentle of manner, is a fine student and lover of worth-while books. She is also a talented pianist. But she is never too busy to offer her assistance and stop for a sociable chat with her coterie of numerous friends. Lorry likes nothing better than a good game of basketball.



SYLVIA RACHEL THOMAS

Sylvia might well be the inspiration of the lovely poem and song—"Who is Sylvia?" She has all the endearing qualities and charm of this Sylvia of long ago—amiable, gentle, lovable. Of an energetic and highly intellectual nature, Sylvia ranks high in scholarship and is a vigorous worker for the missions.



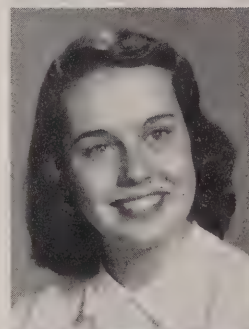
HELEN MARGARET WELCH

Who could resist the quiet unobtrusive charm of dainty little Helen of luminous dark eyes and appealing smile? Of an enthusiastic temperament, Helen has participated in many school activities, especially dramatics and Glee Club, and is very fond of sports. Some school of art will enroll our Helen next year.



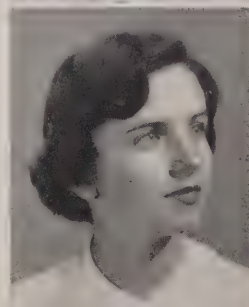
MARY CORNELIA WILSON

Willie, Gardner's welcome contribution to SBHS, is not only a good student, but an unfailing dispenser of good cheer and general merriment. Her poise, erect carriage, and self-reliant air speak of an efficiency which gets things done quickly and well. Outdoor sports, especially fishing and swimming, appeal.



PATRICIA FRANCES WOODCOME

Pat, with her large, expressive blue eyes and dark hair, is a favorite of everyone, for she herself has the most friendly qualities. What senior is more versatile than Pat, who has been extremely active in dramatics, debating, school paper, yearbook, and various clubs—Latin, French, Radio, and other activities.



Staff of 1950 BERNARDIAN



Seated, left to right: Janet O'Donnell, Barbara Shannon, Constance Shaw. Standing: Phyllis Casella, Eleanor Lamkin, Lucille Dextraze, Joanne Ryan, Theresa Reynolds, Margaret Mulahy.



Right page, Seated: Ann Cunningham, Richard Kearney, John Parolin, *Editor*; Dorothy Bastarache, Alice Belliveau. Standing: Margaret Bates, Frances Gauthier, Clara Contessa, Raymond Joachim, Raymond Bray, Joel Rouleau, Donald Charrette.

First Row: Gladys Leblanc, Maureen Rivers, Rose Collura, Roberta Stanley. Second Row: Irene Dupuis, Claire Caron, Lea Lemire, Dolores Bouvier. Standing: Grace Andrews, Ann Connell, Jennie Mazzola.



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Seated, clockwise: Ann Doyle, Ann O'Sullivan, Paul Marcoux, Francis Bellaflori, Paul Fleming, Adrien Beaudette, Kathleen Scullane, Ann Hare. Standing: Gerald Leger, Grace Fanelli, Jeannette Gionet.

Right page, Seated: Ralph Pugliano, Martha Gaumond, Patricia Woodcome, Mary Wilson. Standing: Phyllis Caron, Roger Gamache, Francis O'Neill, David Brennan, Adria Smith, Antonia Smith, Elaine Atkinson.



Senior Classes

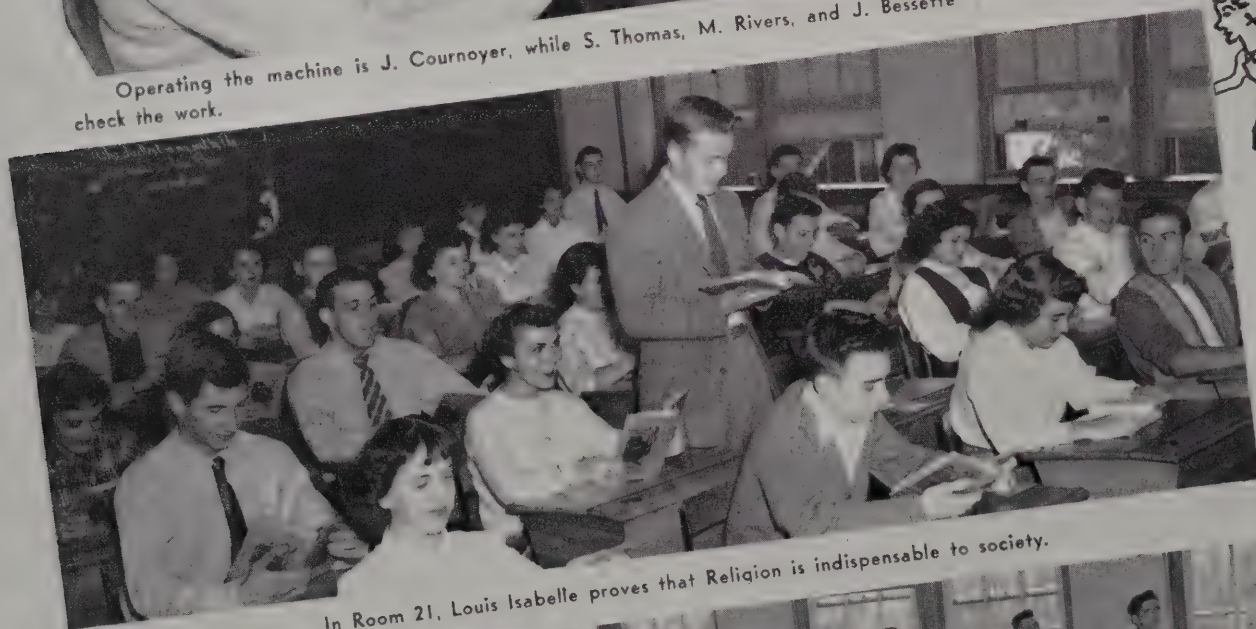


The warning bell at 8:13 reminds us that it's time we headed for homerooms to be in our seats at 8:15. After that it's a visit to the office which we sadly leave with two slips—one an admission slip to homeroom, and the other to the P. M. session room.

We begin our day with prayer, followed by the singing of a hymn, salute to the flag, and then Religion, Period I, followed by our other six classes.

Proving the accuracy of special-column journals is made easier for these senior bookkeepers by the use of their new electric adding machine.

Operating the machine is J. Cournoyer, while S. Thomas, M. Rivers, and J. Bessette check the work.



In Room 21, Louis Isabelle proves that Religion is indispensable to society.



With patriotic fervor, Room 31 gives the salute to the flag.





In Room 35, C. Mailloux, R. Gamache, R. Caron welcome interruption by photographer.



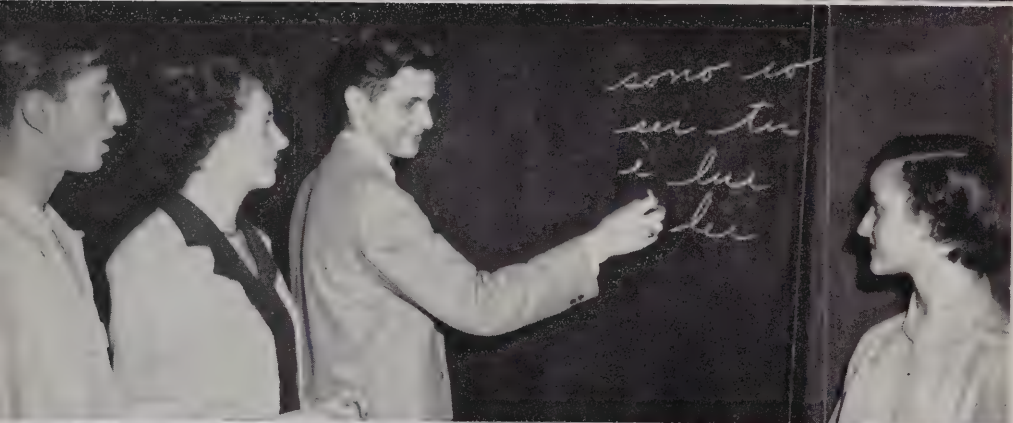
Ed Keaveney explains God's words to Moses — "I am who am."



R. Rousseau checks on Mysteries written by C. Babineau, J. Downes, and C. Mancuso



U. S. History, Period V, in Room 35, take time off to read current happenings of the week.



Italian Club Officers: Alphonse Quarella, President; Lucille Dextraze, Vice-President; John Parolin, Treasurer; Antonia Smith, Secretary.



In Biology, Period III class, the dissection of the star fish by Mary Wilson and Edward Keaveney is watched with interest by Constance Shaw, Rene Caron, Dorothy Bastarache, Lucille Leblanc, and Lillian Lafosse.

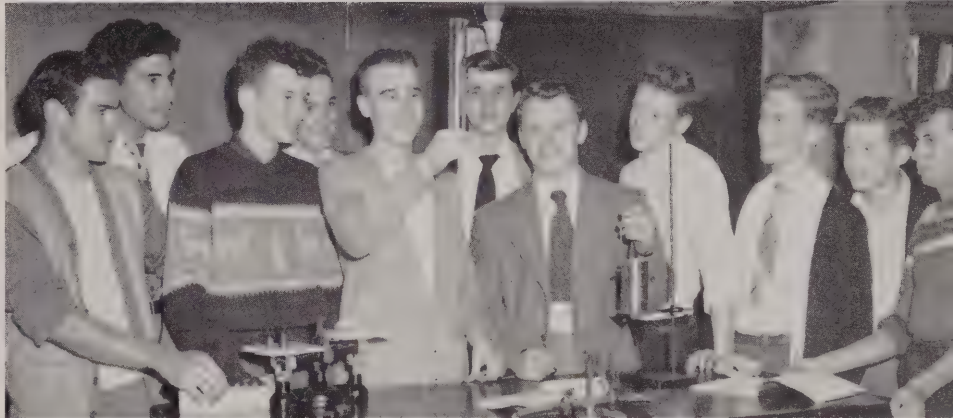


Aime Charpentier, a whiz in Mechanical Drawing class, is demonstrating his ability to his close friend, Paul Boudreau, and to Dorothy Lambert, James Enwright, Richard Tucker, and Norman Bates.

Senior typists are busy at work transcribing their shorthand notes, which is a difficult technique involving many skills such as the ability to interpret the shorthand outlines and type the corresponding words, concentrating on spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure, and the striking of the right keys.



In Physics, David Brennan and Louis Isabelle are proving the Law of Flotation by an experiment, carefully watched by Leon Bedard, Ralph Pugliano, Richard Kearney, Roger Raboin, John Parolin, William O'Connor, James O'Malley, and Francis O'Neill.



The Home Economics class is always surprising us with something new and different. One of their projects this year was the stenciling of original designs in beautiful color harmonies which they applied to aprons, blouses, skirts, towels, etc. Their Christmas Exhibit opened our eyes to the nature of their work.



Hands move rapidly across notebook pages as this senior stenography class takes rapid dictation. With a beginning speed of 80 words a minute in September, some of this group, it is hoped, will qualify for the 120-word certificate before June.



Recess



Although our recess period is too short, we do manage to cram a great deal of enjoyment into those fifteen minutes from 11:15 to 11:30. With no time to waste, we step lively to the lunch counter and then to our pet rendezvous and coterie, where we manage to get in a few words between morsels and sips of milk or tonic.



Senior Alley is a favorite haunt

Auditorium stairs — a good place to congregate



Future secretaries en route to Period IV Typing and then recess

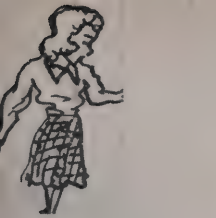


The first day of senior year



Rather a trifle chilly outside, but seniors brave it with a big smile.





Clubs



The Vergil Club likes to sing favorite Christmas hymns in Latin.



Some of the senior members of "Le Cercle Francois" enjoy reading their French paper together.

These seniors and juniors are heard over WEIM on Saturday morning from 10:45 to 11:00, giving the highlights of the week at SBHS.





Assembly



The thrill of our first assembly as seniors! Because of our seniority, we were the first to form the marching lines to the auditorium and take our places in the first rows, from which vantage point we could observe the underclassmen as they filed past us. We could also view at closer range, the beautiful stage curtain of royal blue, which replaced our old maroon one. We are indebted to the alumni of the Class of 1934 for this generous gift.



Apologetics

"Apologetics, 8:30 tomorrow," was always a notice we liked to hear. Our principal, Father O'Brien, conducted these assemblies, and spoke to us on some appropriate subject generally in keeping with the Church's liturgical year; such as, the necessity of penance when we were entering the Lenten season. Father also discussed topics of public interest such as the First Amendment of our Constitution and its relation to government aid to private schools, and the separation of Church and State. When newspapers and magazines were filled with articles regarding the practice of euthansia, Father gave us the viewpoint of the Church on this so-called mercy killing.

We always began Apologetics with prayer and ended it with the Prayer before a Crucifix, turning toward the large crucifix over the boys' entrance.



PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment; the while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, whilst I call to mind the words which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my Jesus: "They pierced My Hands and My Feet, they numbered all My Bones."





Election tellers—left to right: Gloria Girouard, Jeannette Gionet, Jennie Mazzola, Claire Caron, Louis Scachetti, Louis Isabelle, Alfred Belliveau, Thomas McInerney, Edward Keaveney. Collectors of votes: Janice Malley, Robert Crowley.

Our Class Election

Our election was the biggest thrill experienced at the beginning of our senior year. This event took place on Wednesday, October 5, and was presided over by Father O'Brien.

We had white slips for the nominations and colored ones for the election. When the tellers counted the nomination slips, Ralph Pugliano was the almost unanimous choice of the class, so no election was necessary for president.

Gladys Leblanc was our choice for vice-president; William Hanley, for treasurer; Ann Doyle, for secretary. Roger Raboin and Phyllis Caron were also favored with a good-sized vote from the class.

Our well-chosen Class of 1950 Officers





The best cheerleaders we ever had—left to right: Joel Rouleau, '50; Claire Gervais, '52; Norma Lunetta, '51; Irene Dupuis, '50; Janet Bessette, '50; Doris Maxfield, '51; Ann Desnoyers, '52; Robert Crowley, '50.

Football Rallies

No time was lost once we became seniors and assumed the leadership of the school in getting things started. We had a series of rallies to revive school spirit with cheers, songs, and movies.

But our night rally was the biggest success of all, when we turned out eight hundred strong on a very warm September 14 evening. Most timely talks were given by Father O'Brien and Coach Ronayne, and boys on the football squad. Our cheerleaders were as peppy as ever and tried to have us so in our cheers and songs.

The success of these rallies was soon seen in the increased sale of season tickets and attendance at the games.

Ann Doyle, speaking on behalf of the school, assured the football team that the entire student body was behind them. Left to right: Coach Ronayne, Father O'Brien, John Sullivan, William Hanley.





THE BLUE AND GOLD

These senior editors of the *Blue and Gold* are always on the spot when there's work to be done on the dummy. First, there is the proof reading at which Adria Smith has no equal. Then the galleys have to be cut, arranged, and pasted on the dummy sheets in good form for the printer.

Clockwise: Adria Smith, Ralph Pugliano, *editor*; Phyllis Caron, Antonia Smith, Patricia Woodcome, Roger Raboin, James O'Malley.

1949 - 1950

"Hats off!" to our class prexy and his able corps of assistants who have given us the finest school paper for miles around. Our *Blue and Gold* is a first-class publication which for the third consecutive year has won a first-place rating by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, and which will again, without doubt, be acclaimed "All Catholic" by the Catholic School Press Association.

It may be, of course, our class loyalty which prompts us to remark that we have never enjoyed reading *Blue and Gold* issues as we have this year. We especially liked its originality, dash, and real

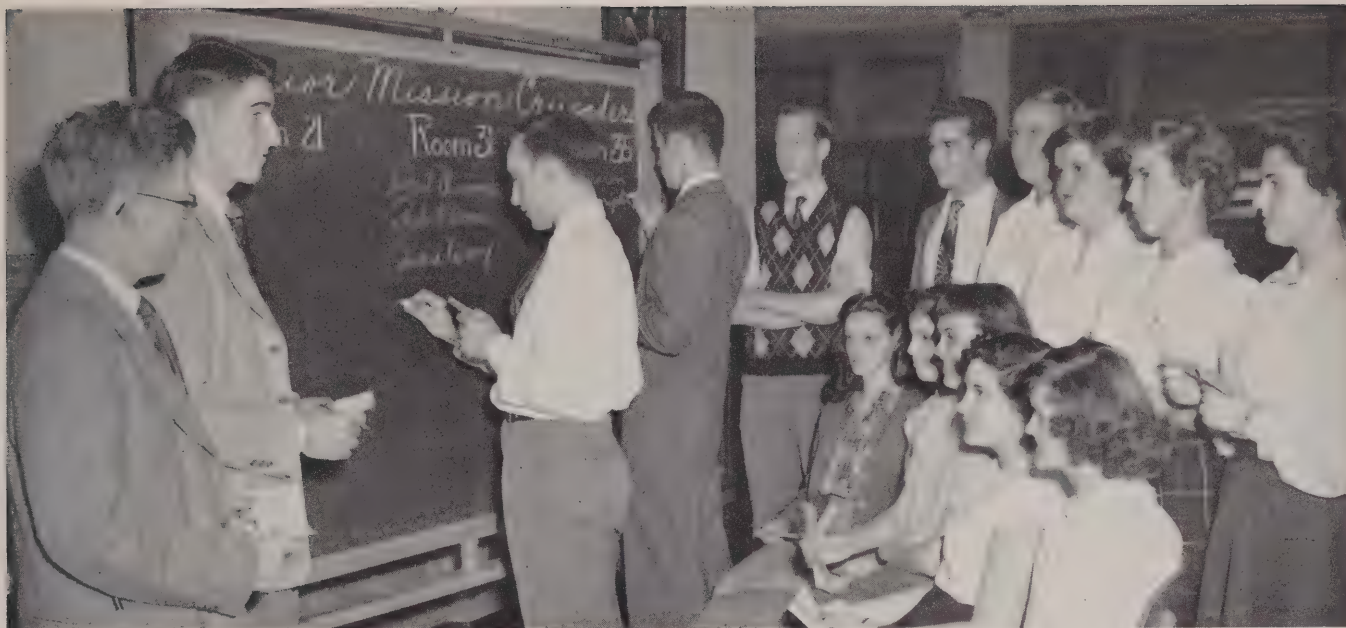
good humor throughout.

We are glad our worthy editors had such a fine time attending the Scholastic Press Association convention at Columbia University, March 9-10-11. Ralph Pugliano conducted a Round Table discussion and Adria Smith and James O'Malley served as Meeting Chairmen.

They will also attend the New England Scholastic Press Association at Boston University. It was at this convention that Margaret O'Connor, in 1948, and Gertrude Edwards, in 1949, each won a \$1,000 journalism scholarship.

Junior Contributors to *Blue and Gold*, First Row, left to right: C. Leger, J. Thibault, M. Kukkula, B. Roberts, J. Bergeron, J. Fogarty, E. Mansour, M. Giacoppe, A. Kozack, D. Houle, C. Gordon. Second Row: R. Forgues, M. Mezzanotti, V. M. Boucher, Lorraine Basque, A. Grenier, C. Pare, A. Leger, P. Bourgault, J. Pinard, J. Payea, J. McGrath, N. Dufault. Third Row: W. Hebert, V. R. Boucher, C. Gabriel, C. Donelon, N. Boucher, M. Comiskey, M. Shea, Y. Limoges, P. Robichaud, J. MacAuley, L. Leger. Fourth Row: A. Anzalone, R. Menard, A. Romano, J. Carbone, P. Leavitt, J. Kasper, R. Bourque, F. Raboin, W. Marlowe, P. Lussier, J. Raimon.





Senior promoters of the Propagation of the Faith—Standing, clockwise: Robert Cormier, Edward Keaveney, Francis Bellaflori, Daniel Craffey, James Enwright, Clelio Piermatini, Eleanor Raimon, Ann Espie, Jeannette Gionet, Gloria Boucher. Seated: Sylvia Thomas, Lorraine Tessier, Lorraine Girouard, Alice Belliveau, Ann Lidberg.

St. Therese and the Missions

Another jubilee to be observed in this great year, 1950, is that of St. Therese, the Little Flower, who is the patroness of Room 35 home room, and also our U. S. History room. Day after day she has smiled down upon us from her pedestal in front of the room and surrounded by mission reminders.

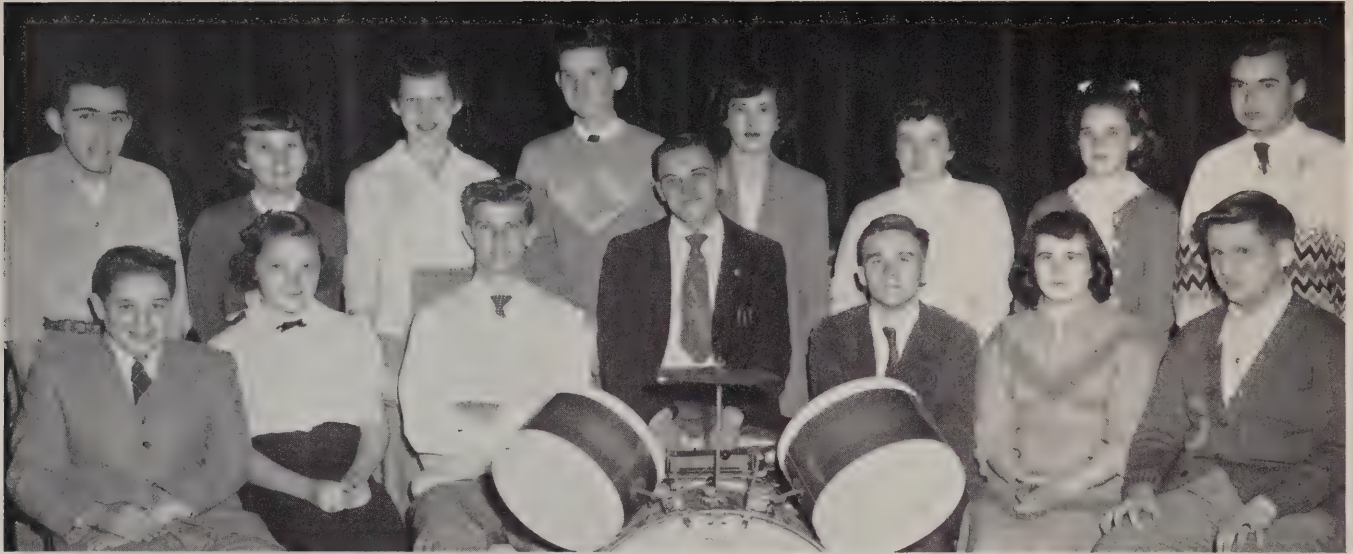
This jubilee day of St. Therese will be May 17, and it will mark the 25th year of her canonization. What did she do to achieve such a distinction and so soon after her death? Nothing extraordinary about her life, to be sure, except her great love of God and her "little way" in reaching great sanctity not through big, heroic acts, but in the commonplace, everyday little things.

Although St. Therese was not a missionary sister in a foreign land, Pope Pius XI named her the patron saint of foreign missions and of all works for Russia. Even in heaven, St. Therese said that she would not be idle but would continue to labor there for the Church and for souls.

We at St. Bernard's have the fine reputation of being very mission-minded. Like St. Therese we are not laboring in pagan lands, but we are doing our bit by praying and sacrificing for the missions as she did and by contributing our dime a month for the spread of our Faith.

During Lent, our almsgiving consisted of money offerings to a fund to be used in educating some native youth eager to study for the priesthood.





First Row: Jean Plamonden, '53, Violin; Maxine Senechal, '53, Violin; William Mackie, '53, Drums; Paul Progin, '52, Drums; Walter Progin, '52, Drums; Margaret Cucchiara, '51, Violin; Paul Marcoux, '50, Violin. Second Row: Francis Lafosse, '52, Clarinet; Elizabeth Stanley, '53, Piano; Nancy Bergeron, '52, Piano; Albert Forget, '53, Violin; Therese Croteau, '51, Piano; Marion Maloney, '50, Piano; Mary Nally, '53, Piano; Wallace Gendron, '51, Clarinet and Saxophone.

ORCHESTRA

Our senior orchestra members: Mary Messina . . . gifted sax player . . . member of the well-known musical "Messina Family Trio." Marion Maloney . . . accomplished pianist . . . church organist for over five years . . . future Conservatory of Music student. Paul Marcoux . . . talented violinist . . . playing since age of ten . . . still studying but does not intend to follow a musical career. Arthur McCluskey . . . fine pianist . . . musical study—classical, popular, and orchestrations . . . member of small orchestra.



It's always a cheery sound to assembly-loving Nardians, when orchestra members are heard tuning up their instruments, and swinging into a quick tempo march, by which we enter auditorium.

When last year's seniors departed from our midst, we wondered how our school orchestra could still continue on without them, because we did think these 49ers were pretty fine. But our own class musicians very nicely and capably moved in and took their places.

Our little orchestra has played this year, not only at our assemblies, but also at our plays, rallies, diocesan debates, and parish socials. And it won't be long before they will be playing for that biggest event of all—our graduation night.

Soon we'll hear the slow, dignified strains of the music by which we will enter the auditorium, by the boys' entrance, and proceed to the end of the hall and down the center aisle to our special graduation seats. Then when we have all received our diplomas and the exercises are over, our little orchestra will see us through to the end as we march for the last time as a class out of the auditorium which furnished us with so much pleasure during our four years at SBHS.



Freshman Debating Club: First Row, left to right: John Hannigan, Josephine Ficarra, Elizabeth Stanley, Lucille Damien, Marie Iannacone, Nancy Ethier, Raymond Bonitz, Robert Coleman. Second Row: Jeannette Doucette, Judith Murnik, Judith Keaveny, Patricia Jenness, Mary McNally, Maxine Senechal, Elizabeth May, Charlene O'Leary. Third Row: Joan McManus, William Fontaine, Judith Connors, Andre Leger, Mary McMillan, Frances McCarthy, Paul Sullivan, Barbara St. Arnaud.

DEBATING

Very worthy of praise are our three senior debaters: Frances Gauthier, Adria Smith, and Patricia Woodcome, who have persevered in this arduous but beneficial art of public speaking, since sophomore days. These three also represented our class in the Diocesan debates of January 9 with St. Mary's of Milford and Sacred Heart Academy of Worcester on the question—Resolved: That the President of the United States should be elected by the direct vote of the people.

Patricia Woodcome, Margaret Provenzani, Clare Reardon, and Robert Bowen, also participated in three debates, each pair, at Suffolk University, Boston, on April 22.

Most active members of Debating Club: Seated, left to right: Adria Smith, Patricia Woodcome, Frances Gauthier, *President*; Margaret Provenzani, Clare Reardon. Standing: Edward Lavery, Robert Bowen, Barbara Congram, Richard Lilly, Jane Cannon, Anthony Romano, Richard Menard.



Our Bridge

For years we had been hearing rumors that Fifth Street Bridge was to be repaired and how often we joked as we looked at the signs warning us that it was UNSAFE for heavy loads. Then came that November day in our junior year when the unexpected happened—the bridge was actually closed tight, and the gigantic repairing project started in real earnest.

Then we realized how true it was that we don't appreciate a good thing until we are deprived of it. For most of us living on the other side of our fair (?) Nashua, the daily mileage was much increased, so much so that many were now entitled to free bus transportation. But for those of us who still walked, the subway at First Street made our trip somewhat easier. Nardian boys used their ingenuity and found much shorter cuts.

But early in November of senior year, we were again enjoying our bridge, now looking brand new in all its fresh paint and cement. Although the higher walls do not shield our heads from the cold blasts of the old north wind they are real motherly walls protecting the little grammar school youngsters from wintry gales.

After having had this bridge experience ourselves, we

can better understand why bridges have played such an important part in the history of mankind. No wonder the pagan Romans gave to their priests the religious duty of caring for the bridges which spanned the sacred river Tiber; nor that the Roman emperors appropriated for themselves this priestly title of pontiff—a bridge-builder, a title by which our Holy Father is known to us today, our Sovereign Pontiff.

The Christians of the Middle Ages also regarded the building and care of bridges as a pious work of charity because of the great relief which they afforded to travelers particularly pilgrims journeying to Rome or to some other holy shrine.

On Sunday morning especially, our bridge takes on this same religious aspect as hundreds of faithful men, women, and children cross and recross over its mighty expanse to pay their homage to the King of Kings. Then on week-days it serves the tiny first-grader and the six-foot senior, and all in between, as our hurrying steps quickly pass over it, bringing us to morning prayer and to the acquiring of a better knowledge of our good God, so that we may love and serve Him better.

1. Our bridge spanning the Nashua River and the tracks, connect Fifth Street and Harvard Street.
2. The arch at Fifth Street end.
3. Facing toward the bridge at close of school.



Mt. St. Mary's Convent

At the corner of Summer and Harvard Streets stands the convent of our teaching staff, the Sisters of the Presentation. Tall, spreading elms, spruces, and many other varieties of trees surround the convent and its green lawns.

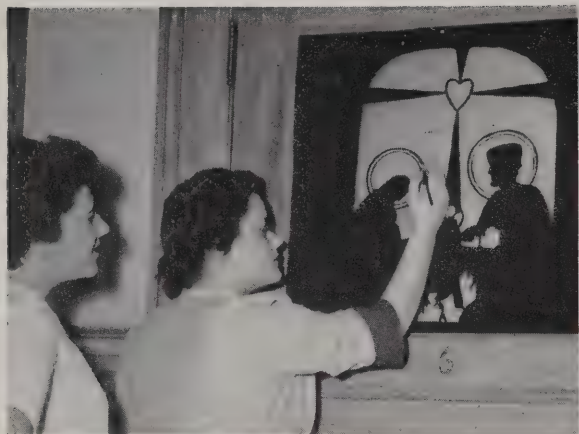
In the spring, bordering the drive are found the colorful bluebells, yellow jonquils, hyacinths, and other flowers. Later on appear the cheerful forsythia, the showy rhododendron blooms, the flowering dogwood, bridalwreath, pink and white hawthorne, fragrant lilacs, and other less familiar flowering shrubs.

Where our school now stands was once a beautiful rose garden at the end of the lovely Page estate. But there still remains to us one survival of this former rose glory—an arched trellis which is a thing of beauty covered with roses in June.

As we pass the convent we bow our heads, say an ejaculation, or give some other mark of recognition and respect to Jesus' living presence there in the tabernacle of the convent chapel, reminding us that He is keeping His promise to be with us all days even to the consummation of the world.

Our five Shirleyites at the Mount door—
Clockwise: Claudette Gionet, Dolores Barrieau,
Dorothy Lambert, Jeannette Gionet, Dolores Cormier.





Louise Richards watches with interest as Theresa Isabelle puts the finishing touches to her Holy Family group on the door glass of Room 34.

Raymond Rousseau, Paul Fleming, Salvatore Albert, Leo Collette, and Alfred Bergeron radiate Christmas cheer as they congregate around the dressed-up bulletin board.

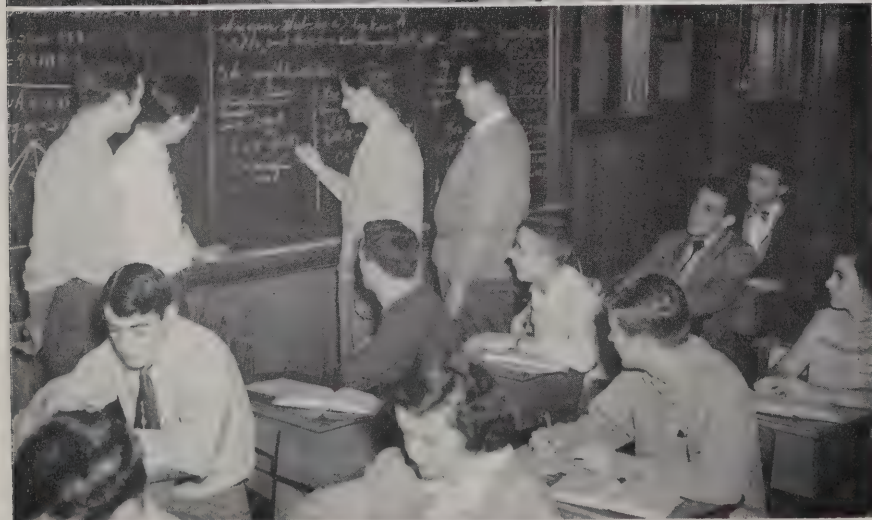
December 23, 1949

The Christmas spirit came to St. Bernard's with the coming of Advent, when our Blessed Mother's balcony depicted the scene of that great event when the Son of God was born. As we passed this beautiful crib, we tried to get the real spiritual meaning of Christmas by offering a silent prayer.

Now it is the last day before beginning our Christmas vacation. It was not a white Christmas outside, but within SBHS, it was full of Christmas cheer and expectation.



Up in Room 32, Period II, English IV are hard at work on paragraph-comprehension tests.



These senior mathematical geniuses find no difficulty in solving the ambiguous case by applying the law of Sines, on this December 23.

Father Curran, Golden Jubilarian

Our Christmas program of 1949 was unusual because we would also commemorate another great event—the golden jubilee of our beloved pastor's ordination to the priesthood. What a privilege it was for us to be able in our small way to honor one who for fifty years has labored as a priest in the vineyard of the Lord, and still continues his active labors!

We were all assembled in the auditorium when Father Curran and four of his curates entered and took their places near the senior section. Now our Christmas program began.

Our school orchestra was in fine trim and spirit as it threw itself enthusiastically into its "Christmas-tide" selection. Next we sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

"O, Admirabile commercium," was the deeply spiritual theme of Ralph Pugliano's address. In convincing delivery and eloquence, Ralph impressed upon us that it was a truly wonderful exchange, a bargain, we made with God when we gave Him our frail human nature in exchange for a share in His Divine Nature. It made us feel how good God is and how grateful we should be to Him.

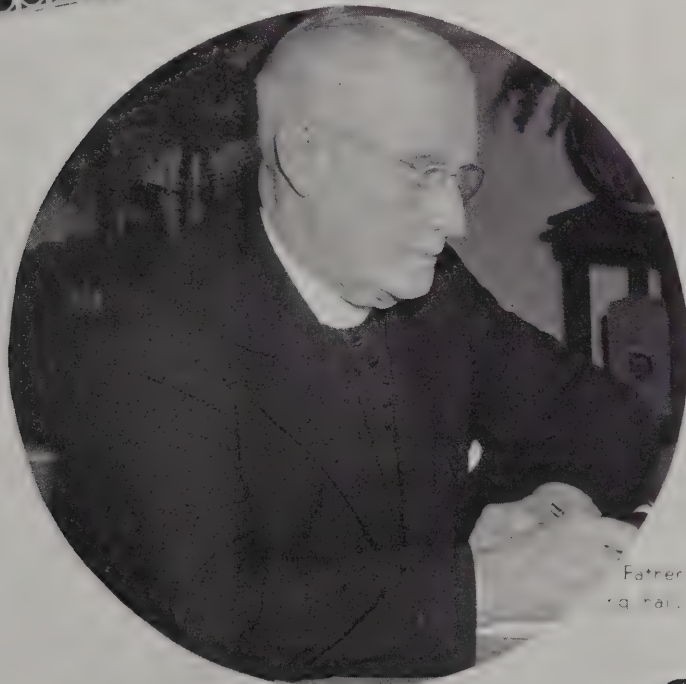


With a light, quick step, Father Curran enters hall, followed by Father Welz and the other priests.

With a Christmasy background of green and red, our orchestra never looked nor played better than it did on this jubilee day.



Christmas



Jubilee Year was an appropriate subject for Ann Doyle's address. Her stirring message ended with the familiar words of Christmas greeting, but with an added 1950 wish for a Holy Jubilee Year to all.

How these last words might well recall to Father Curran's mind another Jubilee Year, fifty years ago, when as a newly-ordained priest, he was privileged to be present at the ceremony of the closing of the Holy Door by Pope Leo XIII!

The "Juravit" sung so well by Raymond Bray, Lucille Dextraze, Beverly Desrosiers, and Wilfred Tessier, reiterated the beautiful words of scripture—"Tu es sacerdos in aeternum,"—"Thou art a priest forever."

Father Curran at office desk just before entering choir.

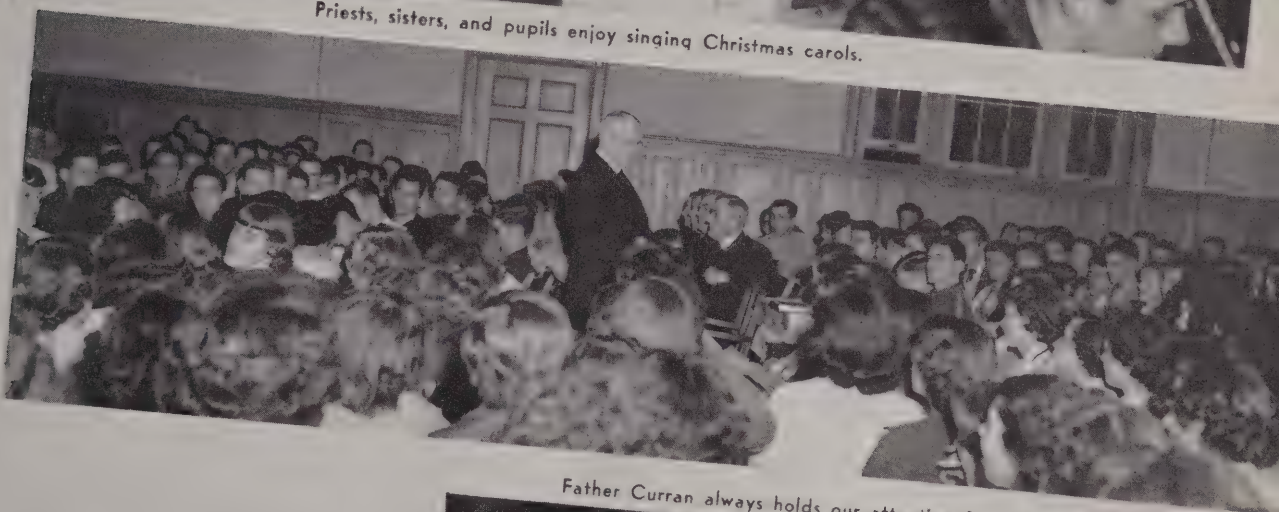


We are always glad to have our priests come to our assemblies and to all our other school activities.

From left to right: Mr. Brinipal, Father O'Brien, Father Shannon, Father Heamer.



Priests, sisters, and pupils enjoy singing Christmas carols.



Father Curran always holds our attention from beginning to end.

After the Presentation of our Christmas play and the singing of "Silent Night," Gladys LeBlanc and Ann Doyle presented Father Curran with our gifts to him. This year we added to our customary Christmas Spiritual Bouquet, our Jubilee gifts—two large gold vases, two dozen American Beauty roses, and a gold rosary.

Father Curran cordially thanked us and in his Christmas message which followed reminded us of the true meaning and spirit of Christmas in a world today which has so commercialized this great event. His message was also one of hope and trust in God. When we are inclined to be depressed at the thought of the sad condition of the world today and its uncertain future, let us think of the cave of Bethlehem on that first Christmas Eve, where in the eyes of the world everything was so dreary and hopeless for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.



Well-merited applause after Father's words.

The Supreme Gift

A Christmas Play in One Act

BY *Eugenia Whyte*

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Sarah, *the keeper of the shop* Doris Phelps

David, *a young musician* John Carbone

Jonathan, *a blind fiddler* Richard Menard

(Violin solos by Paul Marcoux)

Marjorie	{ customers }	 Elizabeth Stanley
Her mother		 Ann Grenier
A boy		 Robert Coleman
His father		 Anthony Anzalone

PLACE: Sarah's shop in any American City

TIME: The day before Christmas, late afternoon

STAGE MANAGERS: Anthony Romano, John Wong



Sarah is rightly indignant with Marjorie's mother for her heartlessness in having blind Jonathan and his fiddling condemned as a public nuisance. But Jonathan is well taken care of by David who sacrifices a musical education for his old friend.

Standing, left to right: John Wong, Ann Grenier, Doris Phelps, John Carbone, Anthony Anzalone, Robert Coleman, Richard Menard, Anthony Romano. Seated, Elizabeth Stanley.



Christmas vacation brought us no snow nor winter sports, and here we are at school again. This January 4 was warm and sunny, so much so, that we braved the outside to sit and enjoy the sun.



Coach Ronayne stands guard at the corners on this balmy Jan. 4



Our Christmas Dance

Our Class of '50 should go down in history as having achieved something noteworthy—the first school dance in more than ten years. This stupendous event took place on the evening of December 28, in our school auditorium, from 8:00 to 11:30. The number in attendance was close to four hundred, mostly underclassmen.

It was our valiant Ralph together with a group of hopeful but rather dubious seniors who approached Father O'Brien on the question of again resuming school dances after such a long lapse of years. Imagine our surprise when Father soon reported that he had been successful on our behalf and had secured the coveted permission from the pastor, Father Curran. It was agreed that it should be an informal affair, but with the boys appearing in suit-coats and ties, and the girls not to offend by presenting themselves in sweaters or bobby sox. It was also to be a strictly school affair with absolutely no outsiders and after the dance we were all to go directly home. To all these regulations we agreed.

We had our anxious minutes wondering if we would be able to meet expenses. What a glorious moment it was when we counted our pennies and found that we had quite a few surplus dollars; enough, in fact, to buy a new electric sewing machine for our Home Economics department!

Wally Craig and his orchestra contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening by his capable direction and fine dance music, which also included fox-trots, jitterbugs, rhumbas, polkas, waltzes, and the Virginia reel. We also enjoyed the singing program.

Now we have the permission to go ahead and plan for our own Senior Prom, which the SBHS Alumni Association, so kindly conducted for us, during the past few years.

Even our school takes on a gala air the night of the dance.



Dec 29

Dear Fr. Curran,
Thanks for the
dance we had a
wonderful time.
Gratefully,
"Bernies"
(Ra Pug)



We all sang many songs and then Josephine Di Natali favored us with "Dreamer's Holiday."



Tiny frosh, sophs, juniors, and dignified seniors mingled and danced



Wally Craig successfully induced our seniors to announce a request for more songs



Smiling, happy faces were in evidence everywhere. Louie and Dot were fine jitterbuggers



Lucille Dextraze has always been most generous with her beautiful singing voice at our school performances.

Dramatic Club officers: President, Roger Raboin; Vice-President, Janet O'Donnell; Treasurer, David Brennan; Secretary, Grace Andrews.

DRAMATICS

Although a goodly number of our class appeared in dramatics as underclassmen, it was not until our senior year that we felt we were the main props.

On October 4, Adria Smith was elected secretary of the Central Massachusetts Dramatic Association. At the first 1949 meeting of the senior members of our own Dramatic Club, about sixty seniors attended and these voted for the officers of the club for the coming school year.

Our first all-senior production was "The Lord's Prayer," a one-act play which we produced in conjunction with the other three one-act plays by juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, all four being presented on the evening of November 21 and 22. For a week before this, posters advertising the coming event were found anywhere and everywhere around the school. We must admit that the juniors had the most unique and most numerous posters.

Now we are having lots of fun working on an all-senior operetta, "Tulip Time," which we will present the latter part of April, and which we think will be the finest production SBHS has ever heard or seen.



The Lord's Prayer

by FRANCOIS COPPEE

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mademoiselle Rose	Mary Craffey
Zelee, <i>her housekeeper</i>	Roberta Stanley
Mere Blanche, <i>a neighbor</i>	Dolores Cormier
The Cure	Ralph Pugliano
Jacques Le Roux	Louis Isabelle
An Officer	Leon Bedard
Soldiers	James O'Malley Roger Raboin

Setting: Paris—At the time of the French commune.

"Forgive us . . . as we forgive those who trespass against us," are words which Mlle. Rose, after a long, hard struggle, finally forces herself to utter for the one who killed her brother.

Clockwise: Mary Craffey, Louis Isabelle, Roger Raboin, Leon Bedard, James O'Malley, Dolores Cormier, Ralph Pugliano, Roberta Stanley.





Chorus of Voices: Francis Bellafiori, Paul Marcoux, Paul Fleming, Louis Isabelle, Hector Fortin.

The Upper Room

A Drama of Christ's Passion
BY
Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson

CAST OF CHARACTERS

The Voice	Francis Joseph
The Doctor	Richard Menard—Ralph Pugliano
Achaz, <i>landlord of the Upper Room</i>	Richard Lilly—Richard Menard
Samuel, <i>his servant</i>	Anthony DiRusso
Joseph of Arimathaea	Roger Raboin
Peter	Anthony Romano
John	James O'Malley
Judas	Ralph Pugliano
Longinus	Roger Stebbins
Blessed Mother	Nancy Bolduc
Mary Magdalene	Marilyn Kelly
Veronica	Marilyn Moquin

Left to right: Ralph Pugliano, Anthony Romano, Richard Menard, James O'Malley, Nancy Bolduc, Marilyn Moquin, Roger Stebbins, Roger Raboin, Marilyn Kelly, Richard Lilly, Anthony DiRusso.



Tulip Time

An Operetta in Two Acts by
Geoffrey F. Morgan and Frederick G. Johnson

CLASS OF 1950

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Hans, <i>a young Dutch apprentice</i>	Paul Marcoux
Aunt Anna, <i>Christina's guardian</i>	Lucille Dextraze
	Gloria Millette
Katinka, <i>a village maiden</i>	Elaine Atkinson
	Adria Smith
Hendrick Van Ooster, <i>Burgomaster of Osendorf</i>	Ralph Pugliano
Christina, <i>a charming Dutch Girl</i>	Helen Welch
	Lucille Dextraze
Theophilus McSpindle, <i>an authority of botany</i>	Paul Fleming
Ned Baxter, <i>an American college student</i>	Hector Fortin
Dick Warren, <i>Ned's pal</i>	Louis Isabelle
Hilda, <i>a Dutch dancer</i>	Dorothy Bastarache

DUTCH VILLAGERS

Grace Andrews	Dolores Cormier	Gladys Leblanc	Lorraine Tessier
Margaret Bates	Mary Craffey	Therese L'Ecuyer	Patricia Woodcome
Beverly Bergeron	Ann Cunningham	Irene Leger	David Brennan
Jeanne Bessette	Ann Doyle	Lea Lemire	Daniel Craffey
Claudette Camirand	Irene Dupuis	Ann Lidberg	Richard Kearney
Lorraine Caouette	Elaine Gaudette	Marilyn Moquin	Francis O'Neill
Phyllis Caron	Loretta Haaker	Maureen Rivers	John Parolin
Clara Contessa	Ann Hare	Constance Shaw	Richard Tucker
	Dorothy Lambert	Antonia Smith	

AMERICAN STUDENTS

Nancy Bolduc	Mary Duling	Jennie Mazzola	Louise Richards
Claire Caron	Frances Gauthier	Margaret McKenna	Francis Bellafiori
Rose Collura	Claudette Gionet	Mary Messina	Robert Cormier
Ann Connell	Pauline Levesque	Janet O'Donnell	Robert Crowley
Anita Cormier	Janice Malley	Pauline Porell	Edward Keaveny
Joan Downes	Lorraine Maxfield	Theresa Reynolds	James O'Malley
	Roger Raboin	Leon Siciliano	

Left to right, standing: Elaine Atkinson Paul Marcoux, Paul Fleming, Hector Fortin, Ralph Pugliano, Adria Smith. Seated: Gloria Millette, Lucille Dextraze.



TULIP

TIME







Seniors G. Boucher, A. Saulnier, C. Contessa, G. Fanelli, defy E. Atkinson and R. Labonte to throw their hunks of snow.



Bernies, at close of school, enjoy walking up Summer Street between banks of welcome snow.



Seniors M. Bates, M. Craffey, M. Mullahy, N. Bolduc, M. McKenna, L. Scemeni, E. Gaudette, B. Shannon, M. Gaumond, and T. Reynolds don't find it hard to smile although the sun refuses to shine.



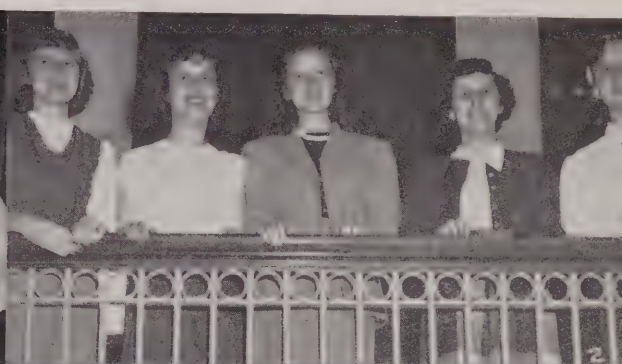
Another day of school is over and Nardians are happy at the prospects of good skiing at last.



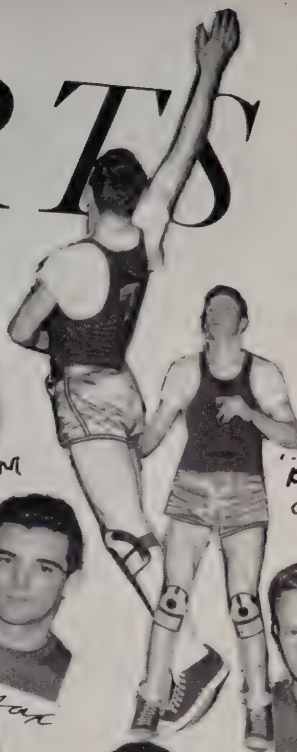
Inside and out of school senior girls are never at a loss to find something of interest to talk about.

Potpourri

1. Anita Cormier and her friends get a lot of fun from the news chart depicting the different styles of past periods.
2. Rita Labonte, Lorraine Tessier, Sylvia Thomas, Irene Leger, and Jacqueline Cournoyer are certainly interested and amused at something we know nothing about.
3. Rehearsals for the "The Upper Room" had their bit of fun. Here (left to right) Anthony Anzalone, John Carbone, Anthony Romano, Anthony DiRusso, Richard Menard have a good laugh when Richard Lilly and Francis Joseph try to help Ann Grenier with her box of costumes but get into difficulties.
4. Lorraine Girouard amuses herself and her classmates—Therese Mathieu and Annette Saulnier, by acting as a model; while Collette Mailloux, Rita Labonte, and Loretta Haaker rummage through costume trunks in supply room.
5. Home Economics class had a big job on its hands when it volunteered to make the Dutch caps and some of the costumes for our operetta. Pauline Porell and Ann Cunningham are stitching; Margaret McKenna, ironing; and Cecile Babineau, putting the finishing touches to a cap.
6. Being measured for caps and gowns made us realize that the big day was fast approaching. Joel Rouleau is measuring the cap size of Rene Caron; Donald Charette is recording it; and Richard Tucker is taking the height of Gerald Leger.



SPORTS



Bill O.C.



Law B.

Duke



Bob

Gabe



Sully
Billy

Ren

Ra Ray



Clare

Norma

Shane

Janet

Maxie

Ann

Bernardian Bowl

A beautiful landmark, a marvelous stadium, the fulfillment of our fondest dreams and those of our pastor, Father Curran—all three describe our new Bernardian Bowl.

We were freshmen when the first spadeful of dirt was turned over and a wild, deep ravine was being rapidly transformed into one of the best schoolboy bowls in the country. As sophomores we were among the 7,500 to attend our annual football Jamboree held for the first time at our new Bowl on Saturday, September 6.

Junior and senior years witnessed more improvements such as the new entrance and the two new club houses at opposite ends of the grandstands for home and visiting teams. These will include showers, lockers, rest rooms, and space for athletic equipment. A baseball diamond has also been added with bleachers for the comfort of the fans.





Ed Horgan, sophomore tackle, brings down Herb Amer in the Fitchburg-St. Bernard's game at the Bernardian Bowl.

FOOTBALL

SCHEDULE

Sept. 17—St. John's

Sept. 24—St. Peter's

Oct. 1—Marlboro

Oct. 8—Leominster

Oct. 15—Holyoke Catholic

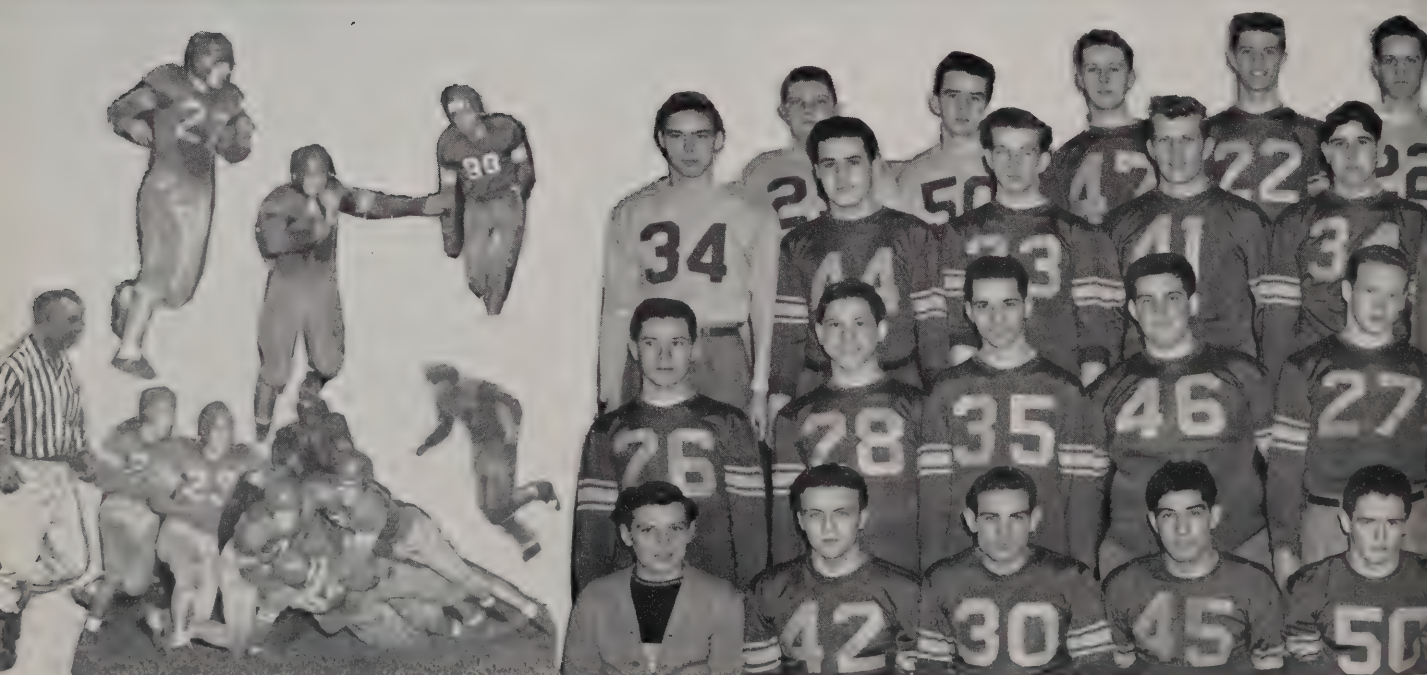
Oct. 22—Fitchburg

Oct. 29—Attleboro

Nov. 5—Gardner

Nov. 12—Clinton

First row: Salvatore Albert, Manager; Hector Fortin, Leon Bedard, Ralph Pugliano, John Sullivan,
Second row: Verne Bergeron, Salvatore Palozzi, Rene Gendron, John Regan, William O'Connor,
Third row: Rene Richards, Raymond Smith, Thomas Malone, Richard Charron, Robert Leblanc,
Fourth row: Henry Flynn, Richard O'Connell, Edward Horgan, William Mackie, Richard Lilly,



Class of '50 on the Gridiron

Leon "Hart" Bedard—a fullback who hated to be tackled; his hard driving and good blocking paid off.

T. D. Durkin—always ready where and when needed; an asset to any team; witty remarks always laugh-provoking and appreciated at tough moments.

Heck Fortin—the big, handsome ball player always full of fun; continued to do his best for the team even after his injury.

Roger Gamache—our hard-fighting quarterback and halfback; his "never-say-die" spirit particularly strong in a losing game.

Rene Gendron—a fine player who had what it takes; a good pass snatcher.

Bill Hanley—our left halfback and best forward passer; his kicking and points after touchdown always a big help.

Ed Maxfield—a hard and rugged player playing terrific ball; team crippled by his injury.

Red O'Connor—our converted right halfback doing a superb job of running and handling that ball; his tackles were meant to hurt.

Rapug Pugliano—tops in his tackling and physical endurance.

Humphrey Regan—the big, burley Leominster lad, hard to block and hard to stop; his injury weakened the team.

Jack Sullivan—center and mainstay on the line; his accurate ball handling and defensive plays most welcome to team.

Bessy Vezina—a rough and hard-hitting guard; the unofficial "Rookie of the Year."

Gabriel Vezina, Roger Gamache, Edgar Maxfield, William Hanley.

Thomas Durkin, William Durkin, Robert Taylor, David Pandiscio, Coach Ronayne.

John McDowell, Thomas McKenna, Charles Boyce, Roger Stebbins, John Dolan.

Francis Pandiscio, Michael Crowley, Richard Bernier, Richard Halstead.





First row: Richard Vacarelo, John Sullivan, William O'Connor, William Mackie, Norman Bates,
 Second row: Salvatore Albert, Manager; William Durkin, Joseph Muldoon, Michael Crowley,
 Roger Stebbins, Coach Ronayne.

BASKETBALL

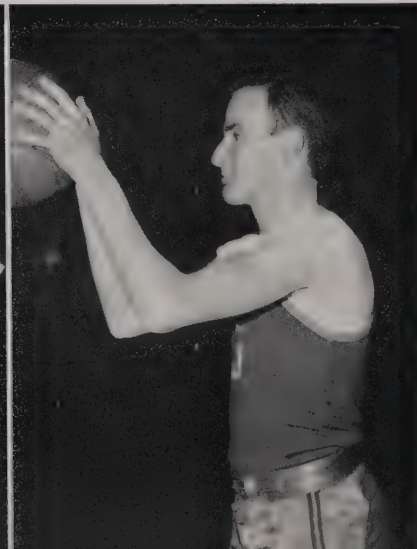
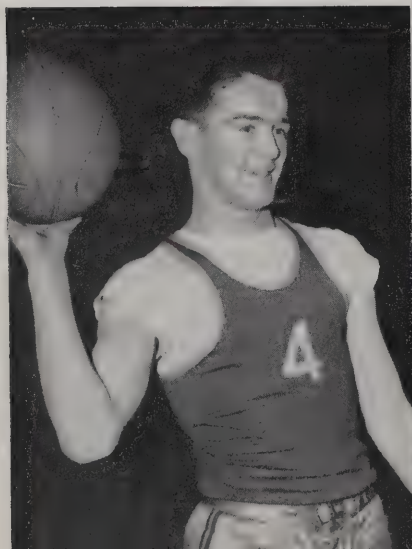
SCHEDULE

Dec. 16—Athol	Jan. 18—Assumption	Feb. 15—Sacred Heart
Dec. 21—St. Peter's	Jan. 20—Sacred Heart	Feb. 21—St. Mary's
Dec. 30—St. John's	Jan. 24—Leominster	Feb. 24—Gardner
Jan. 3—St. Louis	Jan. 27—Gardner	Feb. 25—Assumption
Jan. 6—St. Stephen's	Jan. 31—Fitchburg	Feb. 28—St. Stephen's
Jan. 10—Fitchburg	Feb. 7—St. Louis	Mar. 3—St. Peter's
Jan. 13—St. Mary's	Feb. 14—Leominster	Mar. 6—St. John's

Jack Sullivan

Red O'Connor

Norm Bates

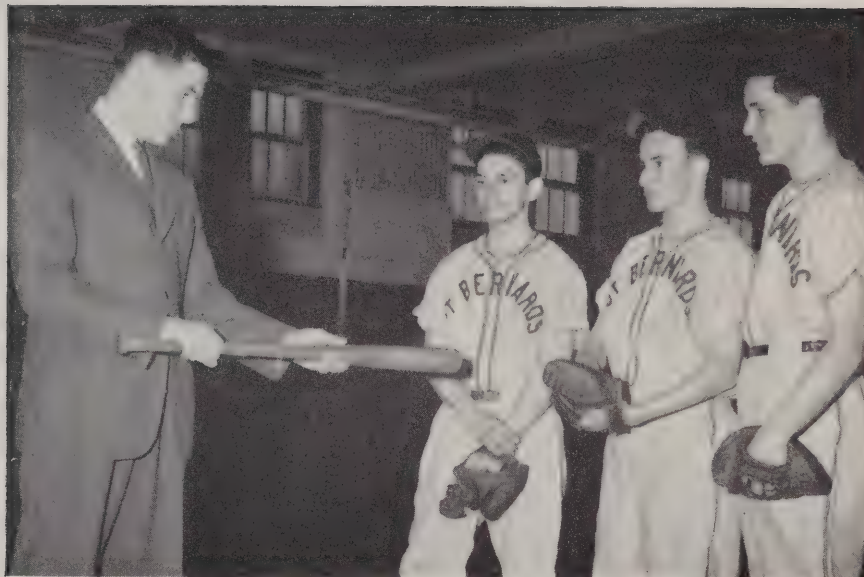




Our hard-fighting Bernardian hoopsters scramble for the ball as it goes up, up, and away.



Sleet and snow could not keep these loyal rooters from our game with F H S.



Early spring days found the baseball team reporting in the gym. Here Coach Ronayne is giving a few pointers on the game to (left to right) Raymond Rivard, Norman Bates, and Rene Gendron.

BASEBALL

1950 SCHEDULE

April 27—Fitchburg
May 8—Leominster
May 10—Cushing, JV

May 16—Templeton
May 19—Leominster
May 22—Gardner
June 7—Gardner

May 23—Fitchburg
May 26—Templeton
May 31—Cushing, JV

Left to right, seated: Ralph Annessi, Peter Scarpignato, Norman Bates, Rene Gendron, Raymond Rivard.
Standing: James Picone, Manager; William Durkin, Richard Bernier, William Mackie, Francis Raboin, Robert Taylor, Coach Ronayne.





Speakers at the banquet given to the football squad at the Hotel Raymond on December 1 were: (left to right) Fr. Denomme of St. Cecilia's; Fr. Capuano from St. Anthony's; Fr. O'Brien, our Principal; Hector Fortin, toastmaster; Fr. Rosset from St. Joseph's.

Catholic Athletic Club

Thanks are certainly due to a group of Bernardian friends, who for some years past, have taken a very special interest in our school athletics. They have not only attended games themselves but have encouraged and rewarded our athletes most generously and in many ways.

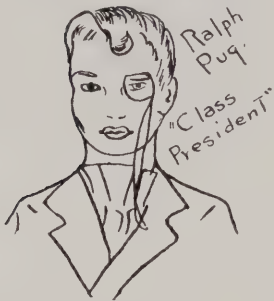
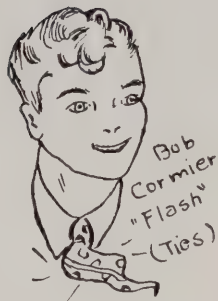
A list of some of these would include: the fine banquet given to the football players at the end of the season; a trip to Boston to attend the tournament for our hoopsters; a big-league game in Boston for the baseball players; the best sweaters possible for our football and basketball players.

The boys this year decided to have a sweater, gold in color, with letters in blue and with a blue stripe or stripes on the sleeve denoting the number of sports played.

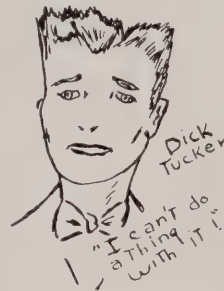
The C. A. C. has also given a large trophy to the school on which is inscribed the name of the ALL-BERNARDIAN boy of the year, who receives for himself a smaller trophy. Viewing these trophies at close range are Roger Gamache, John Sullivan, and Ralph Pugliano.

Flash: Ralph Pugliano, the ALL-BERNARDIAN of 1950.

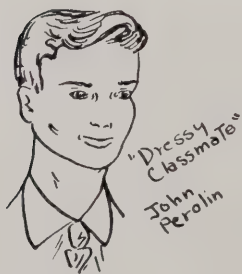
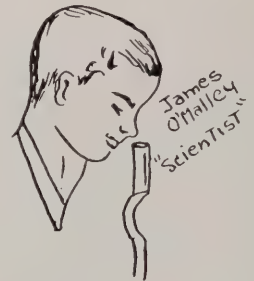
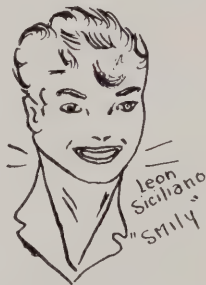




"Miss LaughTer"
Ann Connell



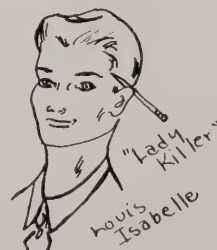
"Tres feminine"



Martha Gaumond



Jeanne Bessette



"Mistress of The Keyboard"



Ralph Gugliano Gladys LeBlanc William Hanley Ann Doyle
 Irene Leger Raymond Bray Paul A. Marand James McEwen
 Gloria Millette Barbara Shannon Rose Colburn Gloria Grouard
 Alfred Belliveau Dolores Cormier Daniel C. Rafferty Irene Dupuis
 Leo P. Collette Jeannette Leger Adrien Beaudette Ann Hare
 Collette Mailloux Richard Kearney Gabriel Vezina Rene Caron
 Patricia Woodcome Louise Richards Frances Gauthier John Membrino
 Grace Farelli Roberta Stanley Thomas McInerney Mary Wilson
 Lorraine Canette Jacqueline Courcy Lucy Scemene Elvire Laroc
 Lillian Leger Ann Lidberg Maurine Rivers Clara Contessa
 Dorinda Baehler Anita Camier Lorraine Girouard Dolores Bouvier
 Therese Mathieu Jennie Mazzola Grace Andrews Ann Cornell
 Nancy Bolduc Helene Barreault Janet O'Donnell Leon Siciliano
 Mary A. Messina Louis Scachetti Raymond Rousseau Charlotte Mancuso
 Rita Labonte
 Donald Chavette
 Robert Cormier
 Lorraine Tessier
 Lorraine Berreault
 Jeannette Bessette
 Janet Bessette
 Theresa L. Bessier
 Claudette Cormier
 Jeannette Sionet
 Raymond Rivard
 Margaret Myllahy
 Leila Bahineau
 Robert Crowley
 Joan Dagnies
 George Vallee
 Joanne Ryan
 Edward Heavens
 Charles LeClerc
 Theresa Reynolds
 Eleanor Lambert
 Alice Belpiveau
 Anne Gaspardier
 Rene Gendron
 Elaine Gaudette



Lea Gemme
 Beverly Bergeron
 Pauline Leresque
 Sylvia Thomas
 Doris Capone
 Mary Duling
 Elaine Ackerson
 Gloria Boucher
 Lorraine Hunt
 Raymond Gomer
 Marilyn Morin
 Edgar Masfield
 Paul Boudreau
 Phyllis Casella
 Kathleen Scullane
 Lorraine Masfield
 Elvira Ramon
 Raymond Goshkin
 Lillian LeFosse
 Janice Malley
 Dorothy Bastarache
 Margaret McKenna
 Margaret Bates
 Anne O'Sullivan
 Paul Fleming

Irene McCarthy James Regan
 Pauline Forelli Hector Fortin
 Clelio Piermarini Alfred Bergeron
 Adria Smith Richard Tucker
 Alphonse Lusella Ann Cunningham
 Lillian LeBlanc Gerald Leger
 Helen Cochran Antonio Smith
 Leon Bedard Lucille Duthie
 Thomas Durkin Norman Bates
 Jack Sullivan James O'Malley
 Dorothy Lambert Joel Rouleau
 John Caputo
 Salvatore Albert
 Joan Levalley
 Francis Bellafiore
 Marion Maloney
 Arthur McQuiskey
 William O'Connor
 Helen Welch
 David Brennan
 Annette Saulnier
 Roger Gamache
 Mary "Lis" Craffey
 Martha M. Dawson
 Roland Gariepy
 Lionel Lamoureux
 Connie Shaw
 Phyllis Caron
 Francis O'Neill
 John Carolin
 Janice Isabelle
 Roger Roboin
 Ann Esple



Our Retreat

Retreat! Rather a strange word to fraternize with a 1950 Bernardian at the close of his high school career, isn't it? Somehow, we've always felt it wasn't too noble an act to retreat—to run away from an enemy instead of facing him boldly. But Webster tells us that retreat means to withdraw. And that's what we're going to do for one school day—to withdraw from the ordinary routine of classes and studies to spend a day in prayer.

At 8:15, some day in June, we will file into busses which in about fifteen minutes will have us at the door of Holy Family Institute, the Motherhouse of our teachers, the Sisters of the Presentation. Then we will silently take our places in the chapel—the boys at St. Joseph's side and the girls at our Blessed Mother's side. For most of us it will be our first experience kneeling and sitting in choir stalls.

Our principal, Father O'Brien, will conduct our retreat which will begin with holy Mass, followed by several conferences, with time in between for a rosary, stations of the cross, and visits to the outdoor shrines. Time will be allowed for lunch, after which we will say the angelus and the rosary together at the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Our retreat will most fittingly close with a holy hour with Jesus very close to us in the Blessed Sacrament. We will try to retreat from all distracting thoughts so that God and His Blessed Mother will be pleased with us and bless us now and in the years to come.

Saint Joseph, you know what it is to retreat, for you had to flee with the Child and His Mother away from Herod when he sought to kill your Jesus. St. Joseph, help us always to retreat from our greatest enemy—sin, and to reach the safety of our heavenly home by keeping close to Jesus and Mary as you did!



Our Dead

Silhouetted against a blue sky and green hills, the majestic Calvary group is most impressive. This beautiful monument we also attribute to Father Curran, who in so many other ways has beautified our cemetery.

From a few of our top-floor school rooms, we can look across to that valley where lie some of our dear ones, with Christ from His cross and His Blessed Mother looking down upon them all.

October 10, 1949, brought us the sad news of the death of our good bishop, Most Reverend Thomas M. O'Leary, Bishop of Springfield. It was he who anointed all of us with the chrism of salvation on our Confirmation day, making us soldiers of Christ.

One month later on November 10, the tragic death by accident of fun-loving James Hannigan, brought home to us the suddenness with which death often strikes and how it does not spare even the very young. Although a sophomore, James' popularity made him well known to most of us seniors, and we were greatly saddened by his death.

We felt the presence of death again on February 28 when a member of our faculty, Sister Mary Mildred, passed into eternity to "possess life everlasting" as Jesus promised to those who would leave all to follow Him.

May our prayer for them be—Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace!



Worcester Diocese Coat of Arms

Room 22 was first to honor our new bishop by having this splendidly done, colored drawing of his Excellency's coat of arms placed on the front board for all to see.

The four red disks on our diocesan coat of arms are from the arms of Bishop Godfrey Giffard of Worcester, England, 1268-1302. The golden cross, with a fleur-de-lis at each end section, is taken from the arms of the Archdiocese of Boston and recalls the episcopacy of Jean de Cheverus, the first Bishop of Boston. St. John's miraculous escape from a cauldron of boiling oil, during Domitian's persecution, is also depicted.

"Resonare Christum," meaning "to be the echo of Christ" is our Bishop Wright's motto.

AMVETS

Hope, courage, perseverance was the message conveyed to us on February 13, when Harold Russell, Amvet National Commander, spoke to us and we saw his movie, "Our Story," depicting his slow, but steady rehabilitation, handicapped by the loss of both hands, but blessed by artificial substitutes.

Rev. Lieut.-Col. Arthur J. Heamer, Amvet chaplain, and Edward Cominelli, SBHS '34, welcome Harold Russell to St. Bernard's.



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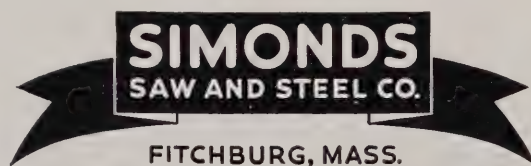
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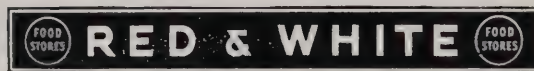
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